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"COLORFUL PALLET" VOLUMES 1-4 NOW ON SALE!!

THE STORY SO FAR

ABE MAKOTO IS A COLLEGE STUDENT WHO LOVES MAKE-UP AND HAS A GOOD SENSE OF FASHION. HER BOYFRIEND, SHIBUYA MASARU (SHIBUKATSU), OF FOUR YEARS GOES TO THE SAME COLLEGE. ONE DAY MASARU TELLS HER, "WHEN WE GRADUATE LET'S MOVE IN TOGETHER." HOWEVER, MAKOTO IS UPSET THAT HE ISN'T FINDING A JOB. THEN MASARU GETS INTO AN ACCIDENT AND IS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE MAKOTO DISCOVERS THAT HE'S REALLY WRITING A NOVEL. REGRET AND LOVE FILLS HER HEART OVER THIS.

AT THAT TIME MAKOTO RECEIVES A JOB OFFER WITH A COMPANY APARTMENT FAR FROM MASARU'S PLACE. ON THE OTHER HAND, MASARU DECIDES TO TAKE A LONG TERM TRIP OVERSEAS. ONCE AGAIN MASARU MAKES MAKOTO FEEL ALONE... ON HIS DAY OF DEPARTURE MAKOTO DECIDES TO SEND HIM OFF WITH A SMILE, BUT HER TRUE FEELINGS COME OUT AND SHE BURSTS INTO TEARS. WHEN MASARU GOES BACK HOME WITH MAKOTO SHE SUGGESTS LIVING TOGETHER. WILL HE GO ON HIS TRIP...?!

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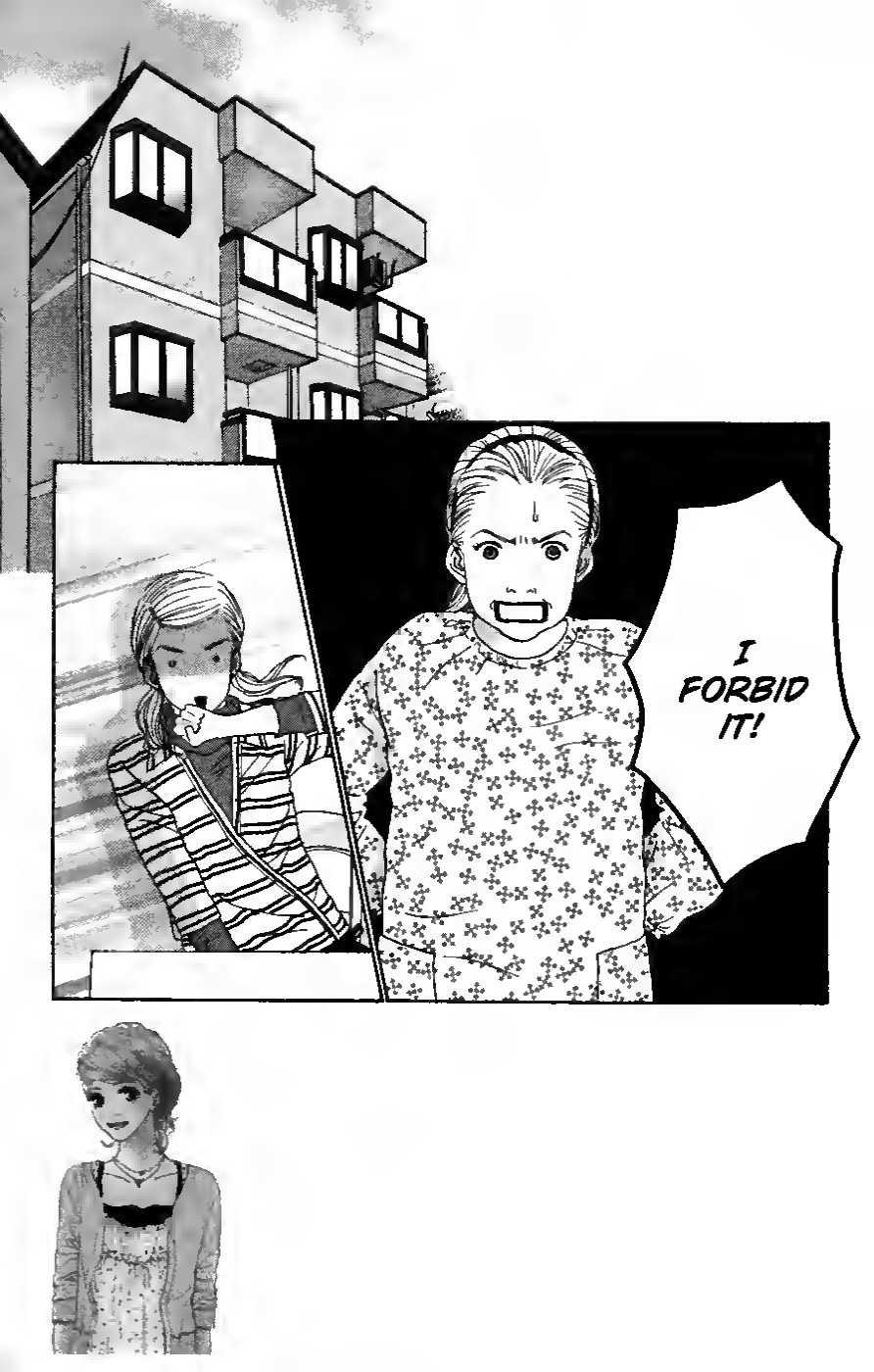
I FORBID IT!

I FIGURED TELLING
MY PARENTS ABOUT LIVING WITH MASARU WOULD BE BETTER.
It's unthinkable living with a man before marriage!!
I know you're going far from home and college.
I at least waited till I was married
THAT'S WRONG! YOU CAN'T JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
EH? YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND, MAKOTO?!
Came to visit
Older sister (married)
Besides you just got a good job!!
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? IT'S SO LONG SINCE YOU CAME HOME.
Mom
I WAS BETTER OFF KEEPING QUIET.
HAHA
NO ONE WOULD APPROVE OF IT! JUST FORGET THIS FOOLISHNESS!
DECIDED TO LIVE WITH HIM. I'M JUST INFORMING YOU.
I'VE ALREADY
AN ADULT NOW.
BUT I'M
Have you thought about any of this?!
Later on, you'll say you want an arranged marriage!
What if you want to marry another guy instead?! How would you think of your past then?!
Do you intend to marry this man?!
EEEK!

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WELL..
I really love Lavern and thought it was far ahead
MAYBE YOU'LL KNOW WHETHER IT'S MEANT TO BE IF YOU LIVE TOGETHER BEFORE MARRIAGE
I DON'T SEE ANY REASON WHY THEY CAN'T LIVE TOGETHER.
IT'S BETTER THAN REGRETTING IT AFTER THEY'RE MARRIED.
Onee-chan!!
ANYWAY
IT'S NOT AS IF YOU HAVE TO LIVE AROUND HERE
WHAT KIND OF GUY IS HE?
WILL HE TREAT YOU RIGHT?
You have been dating the whole time yes?
OF COURSE !!
I'M GOING TO WORK FOR A HIGH CLASS BUSINESS
AND THIS SWEET GUY MEANS THE WORLD TO ME!

DO IT RIGHT, MAKOTO
YOU HAVE YOUR FATHER'S AND MY BLESSING
I don't say the wrong thing just now!
I'm sure I have
YOU WON'T LISTEN EVEN IF I LECTURE YOU
sigh
Everyone gives in to Makoto in the end
I'M TRYING TO WASH THE DISHES
DO YOUR BEST IN THE COMPANY TRAINING
GRAB
MOTHER!!

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ISHIGAKI ISLAND TRIP DIARY
Fall 2004
This time we had some rare free time close to January, so we planned and reserved a trip
YAY! OKINAWA!
Hoshizuna Beach!!
Iriomote Island and Taketom Island! We wanted to visit them all
However
A TYPHOON CANCELED OUR FLIGHT.
WOOSH
So then...
Ishigaki Island Trip Diary
Nasu Trip Diary
All of our original plans went out the door
Someday I'll see you Ishigaki Island!
Along the way from Chiba to Nasu we had some gyoza in Utsunomiya
Nasu
Utsunomiya
Chiba
They tasted so good!
MY FEELINGS FINALLY CHANGED.
We stayed the night in Utsunomiya solely for the food.
BUT I'M GLAD SHE GAVE YOU HER BLESSING
YOU GET TO LIVE WITH MASARU WITH NO WORRIES
♪
Because you'll make a mess...
THAT'S A LOAD OFF YOUR SHOULDERS.
Why can't we do the packing?
YEAH. YOU SHOULD.
♬
YOU SHOULD CALL SHIBUKATSU RIGHT AWAY
That's good right?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU I TRIED TO CONTACT HIM DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
BUT HE HAS A PHONE
I TOLD YOU HE'S ON A TRIP CURRENTLY, RIGHT?
.....

HE'S BEEN GONE FOR A MONTH NOW, AND I HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN ONE PHONE CALL!!
I CAN'T DECIDE WHERE WE'RE TO LIVE WITHOUT MASARU AROUND!!
I won't have a dormitory when we graduate!!
Ahh! Who do you think packed those?!
NOW, NOW
HE SAID YOU CAN GO HOME UNTIL GRADUATION
DOOM
HEY
IT'S OKAY
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHETHER OR NOT HE'S COMING BACK TO JAPAN...
It's possible.
He could be missing somewhere.
YEAH, HE SAID THAT, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S TRUE OR NOT.
AND ...
Ohh, can I buy these cups?

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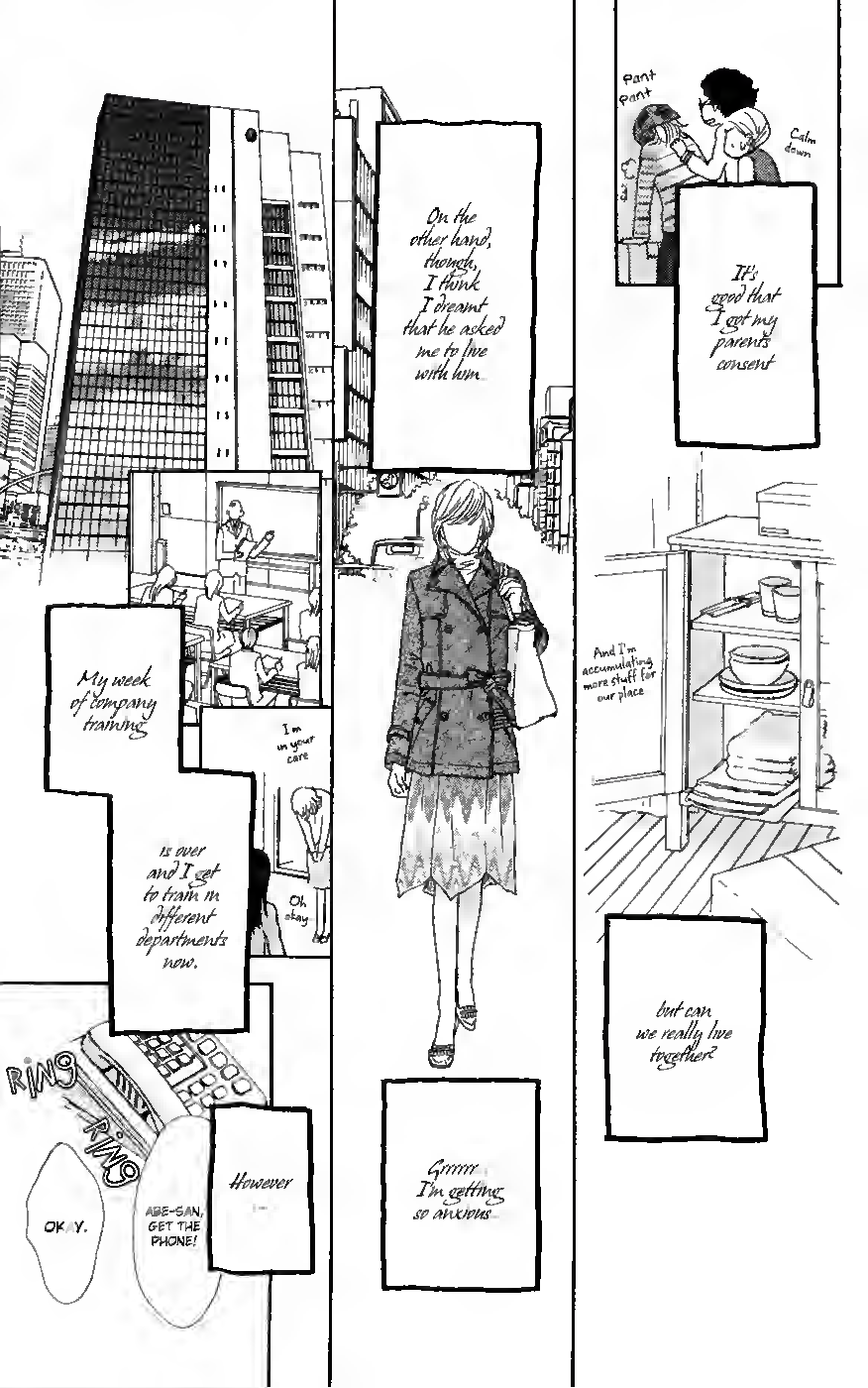

Pant pant
Calm down
It's good that I got my parents' consent
On the other hand, though, I think I dreamt that he asked me to live with him
And I'm accumulating more stuff for our place
but can we really live together?
My week of company training
I'm in your care
Oh okay
is over and I get to train in different departments now.
However
Grrrr I'm getting so anxious
RING RING RING
OKAY.
ABE-SAN, GET THE PHONE!

"HELLO, THIS IS ABE-SAN OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT"
CRAP! THE PHONE HAS RUNG THREE TIMES ALREADY
IT'S MANAGER KOJIMA IS MATSUDA-KUN THERE?
MATSUDA... MATSUDA? PLEASE WAIT A MINUTE
BEEP
GASP
MATSUDA-KUN IS OUT OF THE OFFICE
OH NO, I PUT HIM ON HOLD AND HE ISN'T THERE I SHOULD HAVE LET IT GO TO VOICE MAIL!!
PANIC
WHAT DO I DO ?!
WHO IS THAT?
WHO IS ON THE PHONE?
TURN
TURN
HOW LONG HAVE YOU KEPT HIM WAITING?!!
Change the phone to Katou. Kojima-san hello
Custom documents? Yes Matsuda is out of the office now, but I can get them for you
BEEP
EEEK!
LISTEN, ABE-SAN
.....
WHAT WERE YOU TAUGHT AT THE SEMINAR?! DO THE PHONE SUPPORT RIGHT!
YOU CAN'T JUST IGNORE SOMEONE ON HOLD! IF THEY'RE OUT OF THE OFFICE, WHAT DO YOU DO?
I'M SORRY ...
Also, you use -san with your superiors on the phone!

I realize, day after day, that I'm not very helpful.
SIGH
I HATE WATCHING OVER THE NEW PEOPLE! THEY'RE NOTHING MORE THAN A NUISANCE!
Rumpl
SHOVE
NOW BRING THIS TO THE MANAGER!
I joined this company for a job in make-up.
Plus...
SIGH
JUST HOW LONG IS THIS DAY GONNA BE...?
RIIING
I can't concentrate! Grooom
ARGH... I'M SO HUNGRY ...
NAG
NAG
NAG
Again the next day
What have you been doing, slacker?!
I don't have six lunch boxes prepared!
The next day

HELLO?
WANT TO GO OUT TO EAT?
IS THAT A YES?
!!
SURE, I CAN GO IN THIRTY MINUTES, BUT NOW
I WAS JUST THINKING OF HOW HUNGRY I AM...
MASARU?!
THIS IS MASARU, RIGHT?!
YOU'RE BACK?! WHEN DID YOU GET BACK?! WHERE ARE YOU?!
EH? AT THE APARTMENT
I'LL BE THERE SOON! WAIT FOR ME!
TU
SHU

He's back...
WHAT TIME DID YOU GET IN? IF YOU HAD CALLED ME, I COULD HAVE MET YOU AT THE AIRPORT.
You grew your hair out. Have you lost weight?
OH, UHM
ACTUALLY, I GOT BACK FIVE DAYS AGO I OWED A FRIEND FROM OSAKA A FAVOR.
EH?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU? HE WAS IN CHINA AND NEEDED ME
WE CAME BACK TO JAPAN TOGETHER I HAD TO HELP HIM ON A JOB.
I OWED HIM A FAVOR, SO I PROMISED I'D HELP HIM OUT.

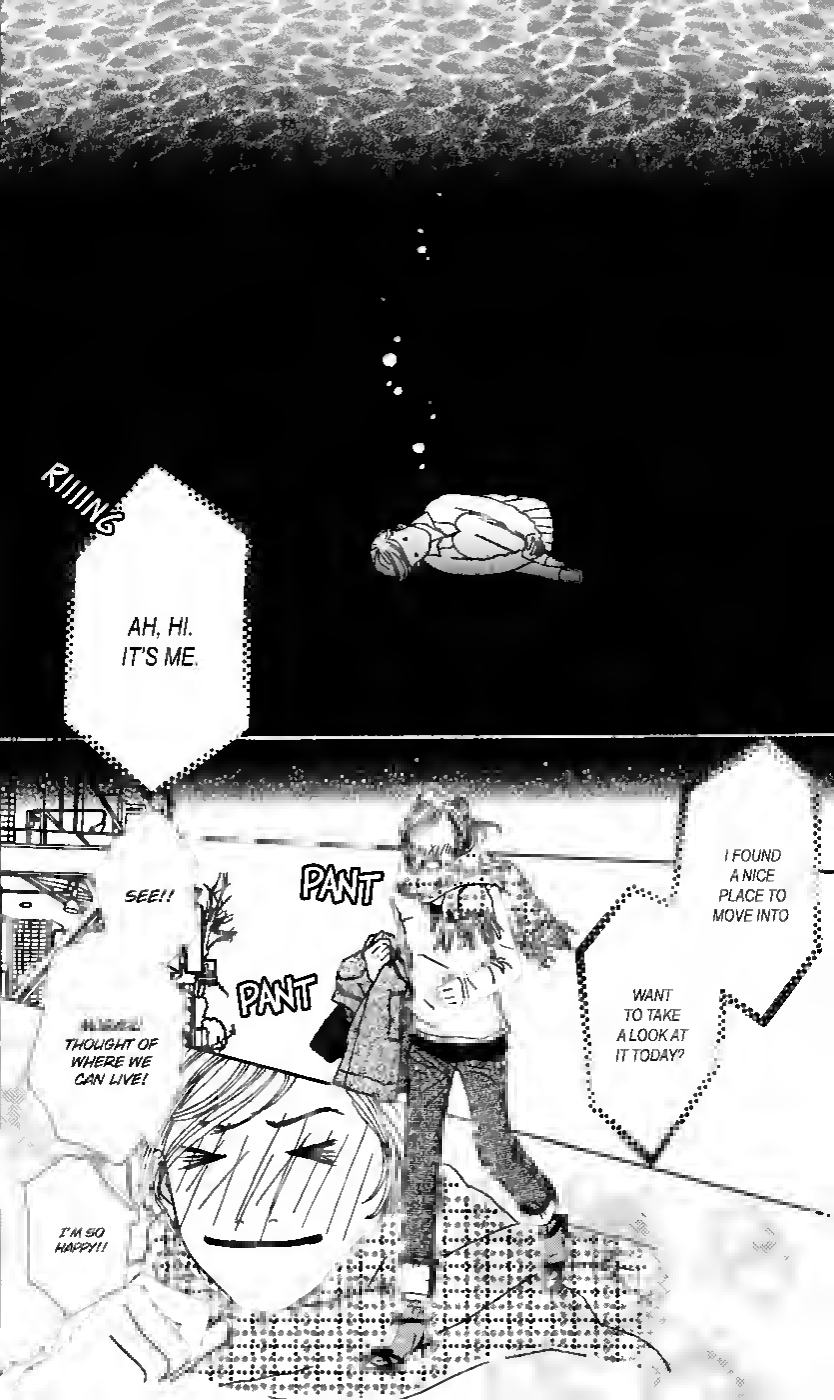
UNBELIEVABLE!! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A CALL FROM HIM FOR DAYS!!
SORRY
UMM NO... SORRY...
HANG ON... YOU'VE BEEN BACK IN JAPAN FOR FIVE DAYS AND DIDN'T CALL ME?!
YOU COULDN'T EVEN CALL YOUR GIRLFRIEND AFTER RETURNING HOME?
HEY, YOU'RE STILL HUNGRY, RIGHT?
LET'S GO OUT TO EAT
GROOOWL
GRRR
GULP
He's finally come back...
Don't get upset...
That was delicious
HOW'S YOUR JOB GOING, MIKOTO? YOU'RE TRAINING, RIGHT?
Imperial chocolate chestnuts, yum!

I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO BE LIKE THIS. IT'S SO DIFFERENT FROM THE JOB I WANTED.
LISTEN TO THIS!
THERE'S A LADY THERE THAT MAKES ME FEEL USELESS EVERY SINGLE DAY TOO.
grab
I'VE REALLY BEEN FEELING...
click
click
click
click
AH, KEEP GOING

click
click
click
click
HIS TRIP IS OVER AND NOW HIS NOVEL IDEAS ARE POPPING UP.
YEP.
ERMM.
OKAY...
click
click
I'M GONNA TAKE A SHOWER
OK.
.....
click
click
click

click
click
click
click
click
click
Why is he acting like this now that
he's finally home?
Before he went away
click
click
click
click
I would look at his back and feel like he was far away.
click
click
click
click
click
click

SALES DEPARTMENT TODAY ...?
Pleasure to meet you
You can sit here
IT'S A NERVE RACKING JOB
HE DOES SEEM NICER THAN THE GIRL IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, THOUGH
.....
murmur
murmur
murmur
SHOULD I DO SOMETHING?
HE'S NOT SHOUTING, BUT I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING
OHH
YOU DON'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING, JUST WATCH FROM THERE
You don't need to answer the phone either.
YOU JUST NEED TO OBSERVE FOR NOW.
RIIIING
Hello sales department
The meeting for two is cancelled
Kawase-san it's about the second series


RIIIING
AH, HI.
IT'S ME.
I FOUND A NICE PLACE TO MOVE INTO
WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT TODAY?
PANT
PANT
SEE!!
I'M SO HAPPY!!

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NICE, ISN'T IT?
IT WAS BUILT IN 1945 IT WAS ALMOST TORN DOWN TOO ISN'T IT INCREDIBLE?
SLIDE
SLIDE
IT'S AN APARTMENT BUILDING
IT'S.. A HOUSE?
IT'S BEEN A DREAM OF MINE TO LIVE IN AN OLD HOUSE
Even if it's an apartment
I BORROWED THE KEY...
Wanna look around?
DIZZY
Bathroom faucet check
SUCH STRONG, STURDY BEAMS TOO
JUST A BIT OF CLEANING, SOME REPAIRS AND IT'S GOOD TO GO
This is gonna be my workroom
Doesn't this remind you of China?
UMM.....
I KNOW YOU'RE EXCITED...

BUT I'M SORRY . .
I CAN'T LIVE HERE.
.....
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
IT'S JUST ...SO OLD.
AND IT'S TOO FAR FROM THE SUBWAY. IT'D BE TOO SCARY WALKING IN THE DARK.
I WANT A PLACE NEAR THE SUBWAY... AND WITH A SECURITY GUARD. I WANT TO LIVE SOMEWEHERE SAFE.
I DON'T WANT TO LIVE SOMEWHERE LIKE THAT
I JUST TOLD YOU WHAT I WANTED.
YOU'RE ONLY GOING BY WHAT YOU WANT, MASARU.
LET'S GO HOME AND TALK ABOUT IT...
SIGH
BUT...
I ALREADY SIGNED THE LEASE FOR THIS PLACE.

WHY ...?!
WH-
.....
I COULDN'T JUST REFUSE IT.
MY FRIEND FOUND THIS PLACE ESPECIALLY FOR US.
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU WANT?
IT'S DIFFERENT WHEN IT'S ABOUT YOU
BUT WHEN IT'S ABOUT US, YOU ALWAYS MAKE THE DECISIONS.
.....
I CAN'T TAKE IT BACK.
THAT'S RIGHT
YOU'RE ALWAYS
BUT IF IT'S SECURITY YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOU'RE LIVING WITH ME YOU DON'T NEED TO THINK OF IT AS A GIRL'S DORMITORY.
LOOK
I m sorry
YOU DON'T EVEN GET IT. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GO ON ANOTHER POINTLESS TRIP?

HOW DO YOU THINK I FELT WAITING FOR YOU TO CALL FROM YOUR TRIP...?
THINKING ABOUT MASARU.
JUST... TRY THINKING ABOUT ME FOR ONCE.
I UNDERSTAND WRITING YOUR NOVEL MEANS THE WORLD TO YOU.
I'VE BEEN TRYING SO HARD
TO BURY THESE FEELINGS
DO YOU NOT WANT TO LIVE TOGETHER THEN?

I MADE THE FIRST MOVE REMEMBER?
BECAUSE
AS SOON AS YOU DISAGREE
YOU'LL JUST SAY, "LET'S BREAK UP"

HE SURPRISED ME...
LET'S GO HOME.
LET'S CALM DOWN A BIT.
WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT AGAIN LATER.
What is there... to talk about?
Is it about what kind of place to live in?
Or whether or not to live together?

RING
RIIING
RIIING
RIIING
HELLO
PHEW.
THUD
EH?!
OH MAKOTO? IT'S MOM
I'M OUTSIDE YOUR DORMITORY

WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I FIGURED I HAVEN'T SEEN WHERE YOU LIVE AND WORK, SO I MADE THE EFFORT FOR MY DAUGHTER
PLUS, I WANT TO MEET THE MAN YOU'LL BE LIVING WITH
IF THERE'S TIME OF COURSE
OH, HERE, I MADE THIS, SO EAT UP
Ah! It's my favorite too
Wow There's a lot
Delicious
SORRY, MOM...
SHOCK
I STILL HAVEN'T DECIDED WHETHER TO LIVE WITH HIM OR NOT
ALSO
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO APPROACH IT WITH HIM...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I'LL CONTINUE WORKING AT THE COMPANY
I HATE IT THERE!

I HAVEN'T GOT MUCH CONFIDENCE EITHER...
HEY NOW!
SNIFFLE
THESE THINGS HAPPEN
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG, MAKOTO.
NOTHING WITH MEN IS BLACK AND WHITE.
AND THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS 100% COMPATIBILITY WITH COUPLES.

I REALLY don't know.
.....
YOU STILL HAVE TWO WEEKS OF TRAINING LEFT, DON'T YOU? DON'T THROW IN THE TOWEL TOO QUICKLY WITH WORK.
IT'S THE SAME WITH YOUR WORK.
YOU SHOULD ACT LIKE AN ADULT.
SNIFFLE
CAN YOU COMPROMISE WITHOUT CALLING IT QUITS?
IF YOU STILL LOVE HIM
I'M ALWAYS PATIENT WITH HIM
BUT..
IF YOU'RE SO UNHAPPY, MAYBE YOU SHOULD BREAK UP WITH HIM...

snore
snore
Night
I'LL SPEND THE NIGHT TONIGHT. TOMORROW, YOU CAN SHOW ME WHERE YOU WORK.
I GUESS I DON'T NEED TO MEET YOUR BOYFRIEND, THEN.

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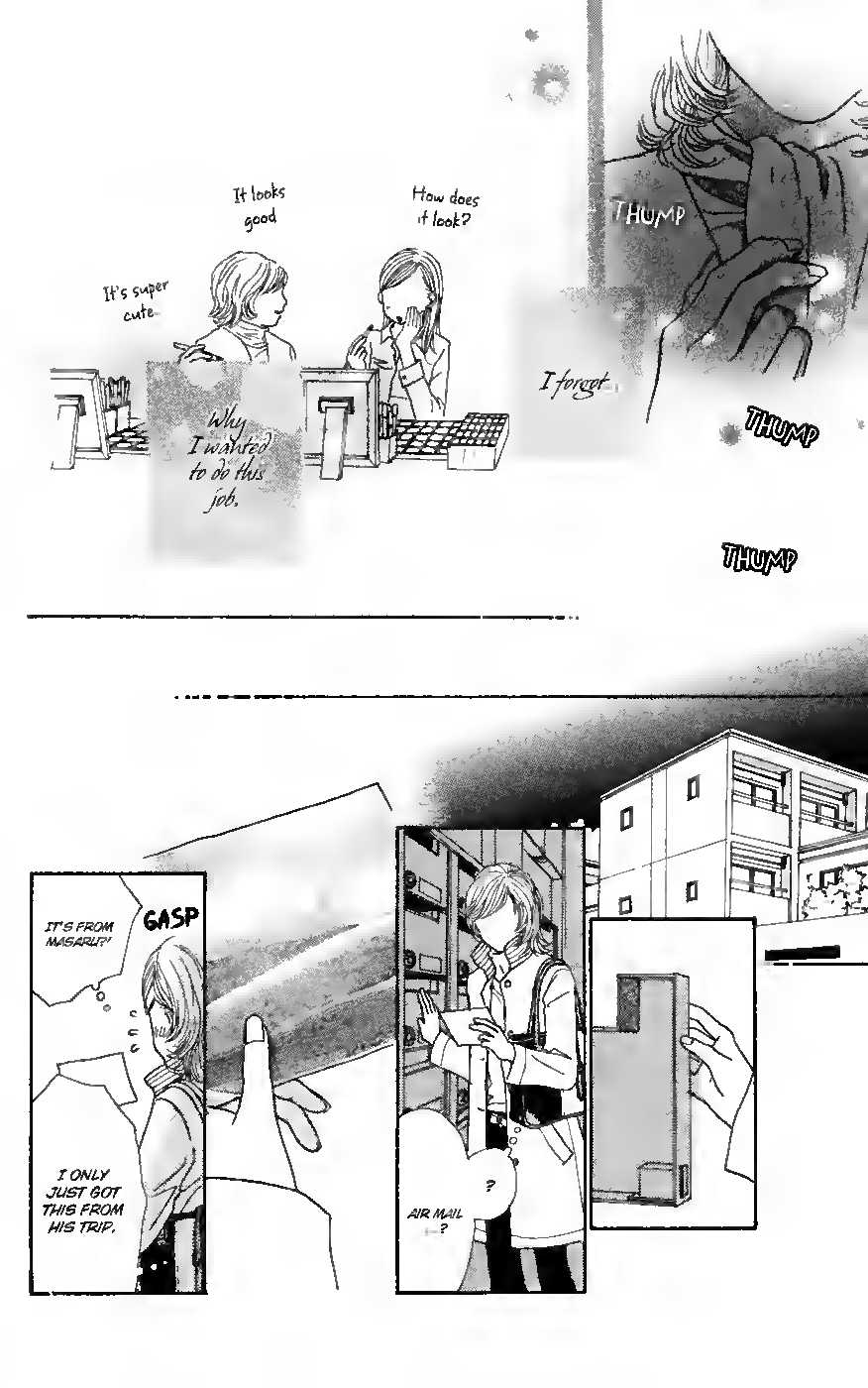
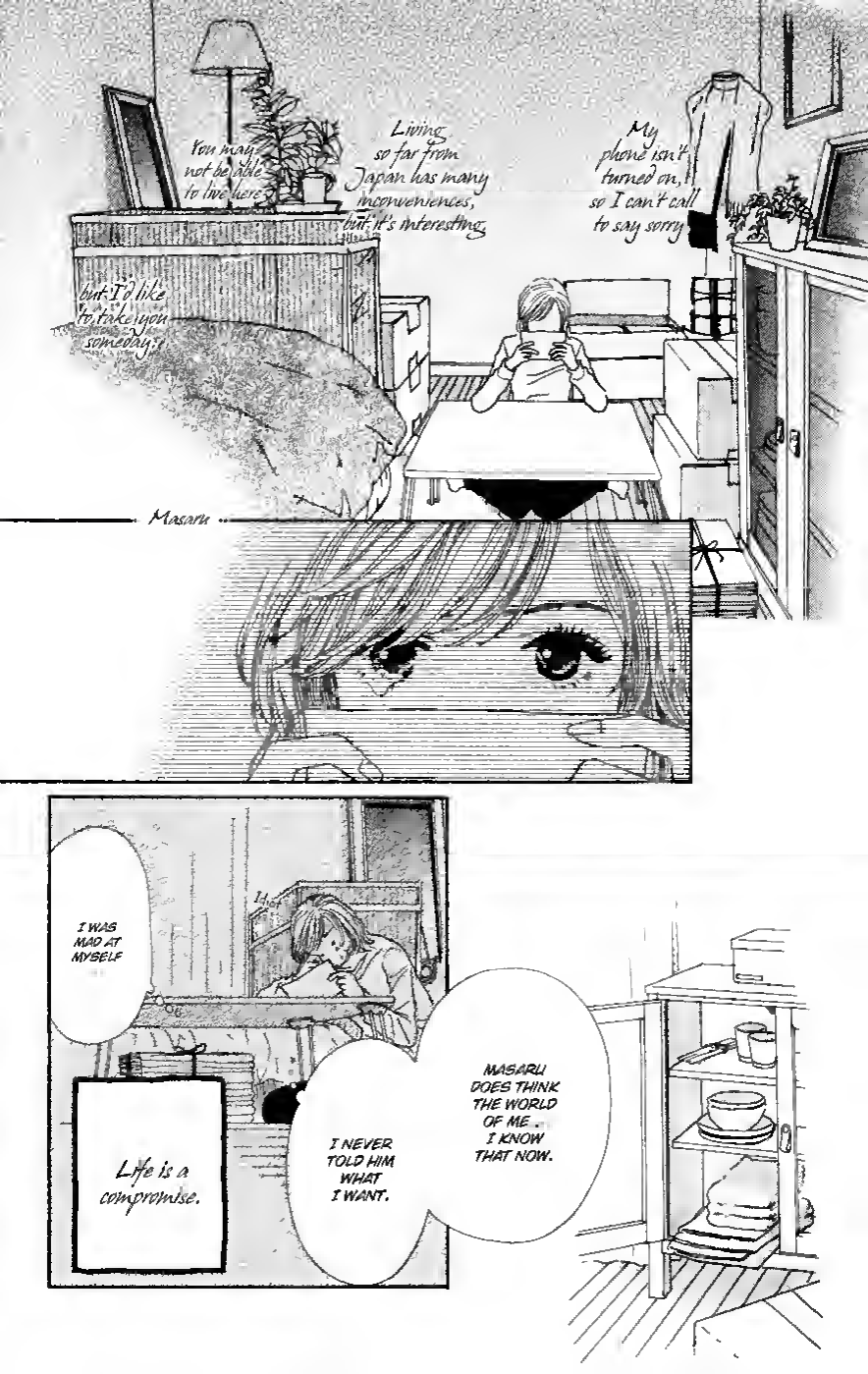
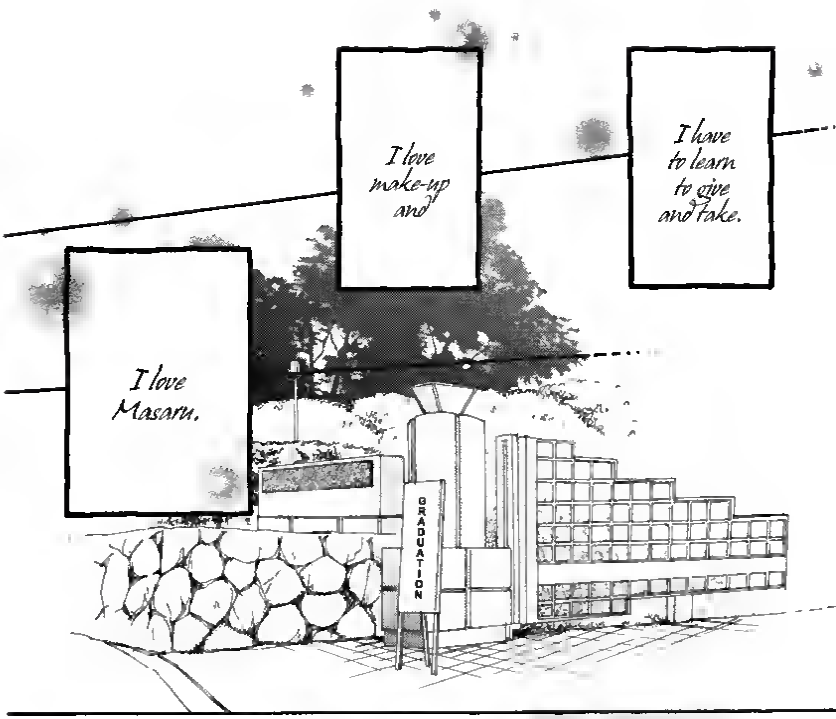
She just doesn't understand me.
She calls over worries childish...
I'd hear, "Come back home," from my mom...
I thought for sure
snore
snore
It must be nothing.
I'm working non-stop on the sales department today! I haven't been assigned anything yet and I don't know who my boss is!!
What a lovely company!
Quick intros
Pleasure to meet you
I'm Abe
I'll explain things to you
I don't understand what it is I need to work at...
RIIING
Okay
Then I'll head home
I see

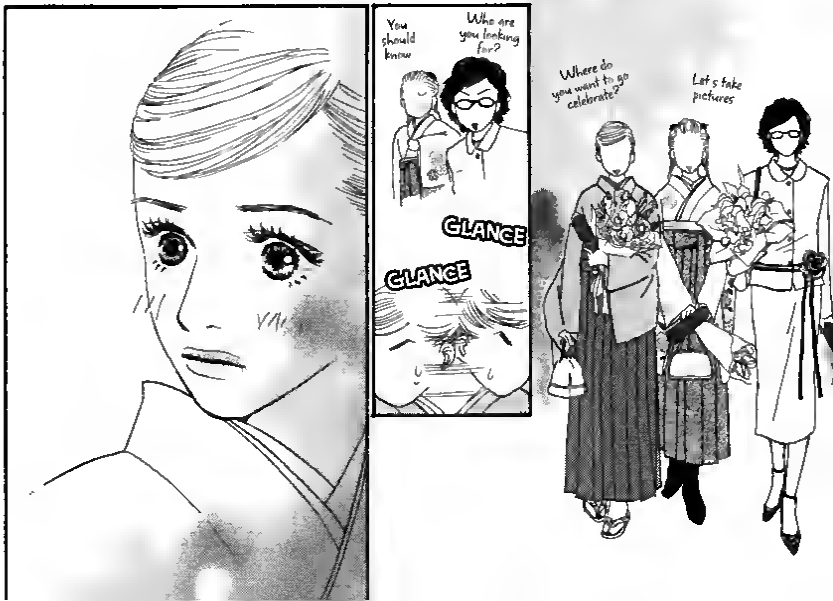
I BOUGHT A FOUNDATION YESTERDAY
BUT IT SEEMS THE COLOR DOESN'T MATCH
OKAY, LET ME VERIFY IT. CAN I HAVE YOUR NAME PLEASE?
THANKS FOR WAITING THIS IS RMC
GLANCE
GLANCE
Sorry, I'm leaving
Eh?!
PHONE PHOBIA
RING
It's a customer call
RINGING
RINGING
Her name is Kondou-sama
Thanks I'll take it
I got through it somehow
PHEW
Kondou-sama it's the cream foundation #3, right?
WOW, AMAZING!!
THIS TOTALLY CHANGES MY COMPLEXION!

This is great! Thank you!
Thank you very much
I'll take two
Sure
It's the first time I've used this color
It looks good on you
I think this color would suit your skin
Wow, you're right!


It looks good
How does it look?
It's super cute.
Why I wanted to do this job.
THUMP
I forget
THUMP
THUMP
GASP
IT'S FROM MASARU!!
I ONLY JUST GOT THIS FROM HIS TRIP.
AIR MAIL
?
?


You may not be able to live here,
Living so far from Japan has many inconveniences, but it's interesting.
My phone isn't turned on, so I can't call to say sorry.
but I'd like to take you someday.
Masaru
I WAS MAD AT MYSELF
Life is a compromise.
I NEVER TOLD HIM WHAT I WANT.
MASARU DOES THINK THE WORLD OF ME... I KNOW THAT NOW.


I love make-up and
I have to learn to give and take.
I love Masaru.
GRADUATION


You should know
Who are you looking for?
GLANCE
GLANCE
Where do you want to go celebrate?
Let's take pictures

I GET IT, MAKOTO. I GAVE UP ON THAT PLACE ALREADY.
But
NO.
I DO NEED A WORKROOM, THOUGH.
I THOUGHT YOU COULD EVEN HAVE A KITCHEN GARDEN
But
SO THAT PROPERTY WAS NO GOOD?
Are we still going to live together?
IF WE LIVED IN A HOUSE WITH A GARDEN YOU COULD
YOU SAID YOU CAN'T GARDEN ON YOUR BALCONY, RIGHT?
SAME HERE.
OHH I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU.
You cut your hair
I SHOULD ASK HIM
NOW IS MY CHANCE

EH?
WHAT IF WE BOTH DISCUSSED OUR TERMS, MAKOTO?
EH? UMM.
A FULL KITCHEN AND SEPARATE TOILET AND BATH
You have a lot of conditions
IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE !!
2 LDK, quiet and convenient
TEN MINUTE WALK TO THE SUBWAY. NO MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OLD. DEADBOLT LOCKS AND AN ELEVATOR...

This makes me feel like crying a lot.
But I plan to strengthen
My true feelings.

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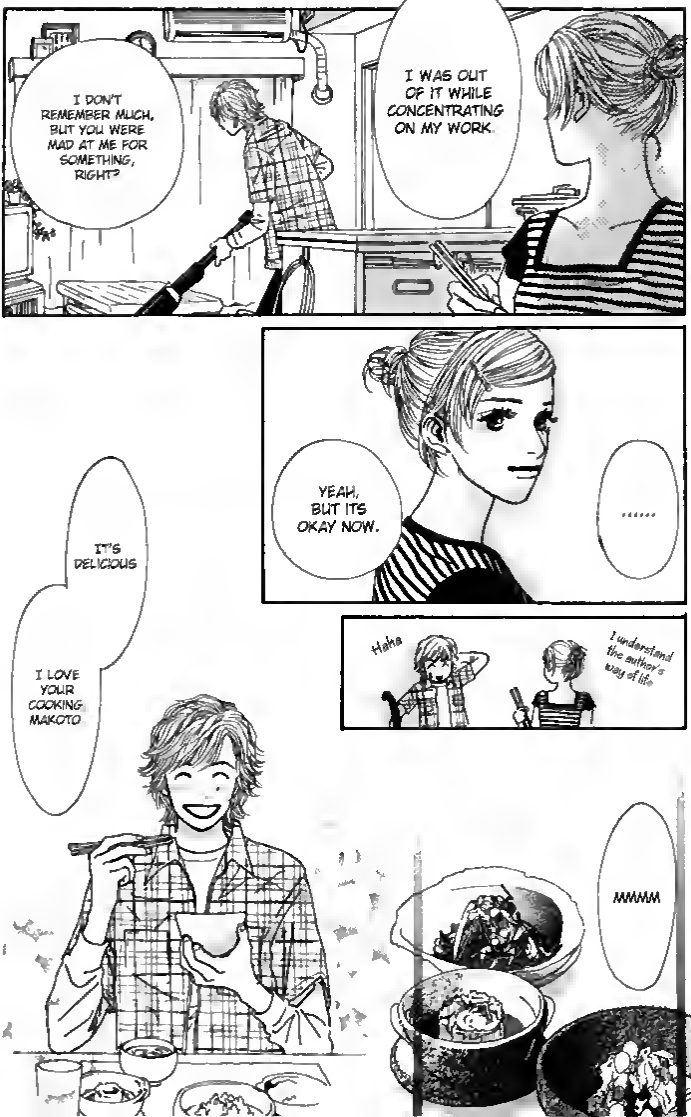
I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH, BUT YOU WERE MAD AT ME FOR SOMETHING, RIGHT?
I WAS OUT OF IT WHILE CONCENTRATING ON MY WORK.
YEAH, BUT ITS OKAY NOW.
.....
Haha
I understand the author's way of life.
IT'S DELICIOUS
I LOVE YOUR COOKING MAKOTO
MMMM

I don't try hard enough
WHAT DID YOU DO WHILE I WAS AWAY?
I need to get more energetic power back to be happy.
NOTHING MUCH REALLY!
But tomorrow is another day.

spring
I enjoy shopping while thinking about what to make for dinner on my way back from work.
And I get fresh fruit into to cook up too
Erm... I got fish and veggies for the freezer
We finally found an apartment
Now we can start living together.
Once we agreed on

silence
CLACK
I'M HOME!
Chop
That's right. I'm a chef at work!
We live totally different lives, so we don't get to see each other much.
I work nine to five while Masaru works from noon til evening, then writes til dawn.
SHUT
SNORE
Ugh
I arrange the room for comfort.
I make his favorite dishes

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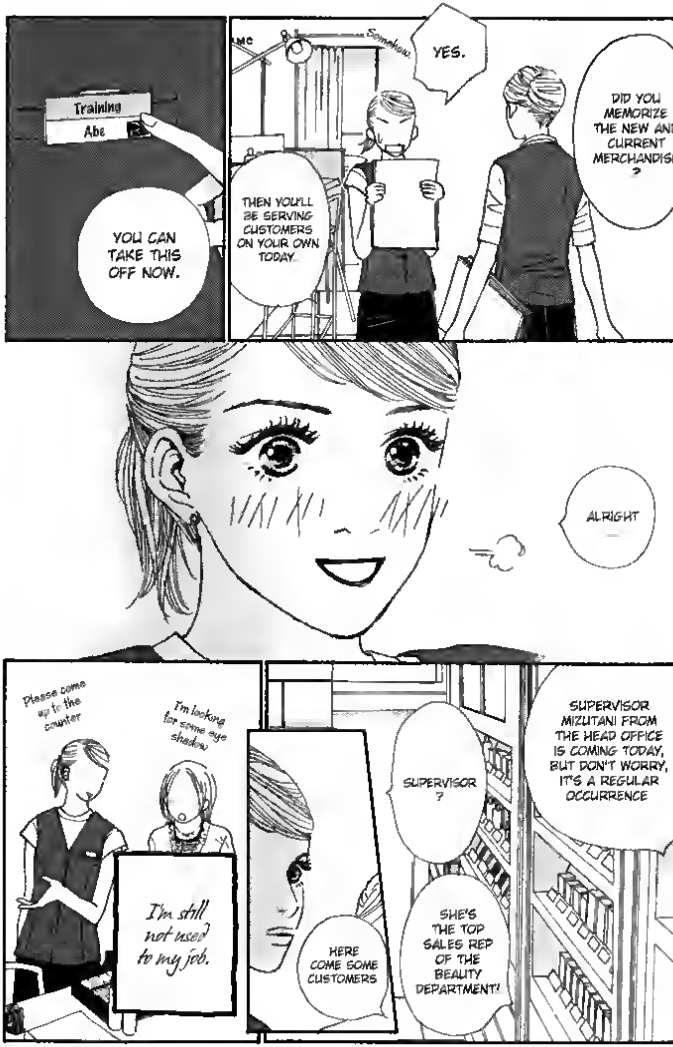
I'm happy enough waiting for him to come home.
Welcome home. The bath is ready for you.
I already bathed.
AH! YOU COOKED!
SORRY, I ALREADY ATE WITH CO-WORKERS
SIGH
HUH? YOU'RE STILL AWAKE?
CAN I JUMP IN THE BATH?
I'LL EAT IT IN THE MORNING
Sorry Sorry
If that's the case, then call me next time, okay ?
Peel
TOSS
CLATTER

I'M GOING TO BED NOW WORK HARD
Here's some coffee
OKAY NIGHT
Munch Munch
Oh, thank you.
I BROUGHT YOU A TOWEL AND PAJAMAS
I get nice smelling bath soap, iron the linens
and make sure his pajamas and towel are soft every day
click
Kiss

CLICK
CLICK
CLICK


Training
Abe
YOU CAN TAKE THIS OFF NOW.
Somehow
THEN YOU'LL BE SERVING CUSTOMERS ON YOUR OWN TODAY.
YES.
DID YOU MEMORIZE THE NEW AND CURRENT MERCHANDISE ?
ALRIGHT
Please come up to the counter
I'm looking for some eye shadow
I'm still not used to my job.
HERE COME SOME CUSTOMERS
SUPERVISOR ?
SHE'S THE TOP SALES REP OF THE BEAUTY DEPARTMENT!
SUPERVISOR MIZUTANI FROM THE HEAD OFFICE IS COMING TODAY, BUT DON'T WORRY, IT'S A REGULAR OCCURRENCE

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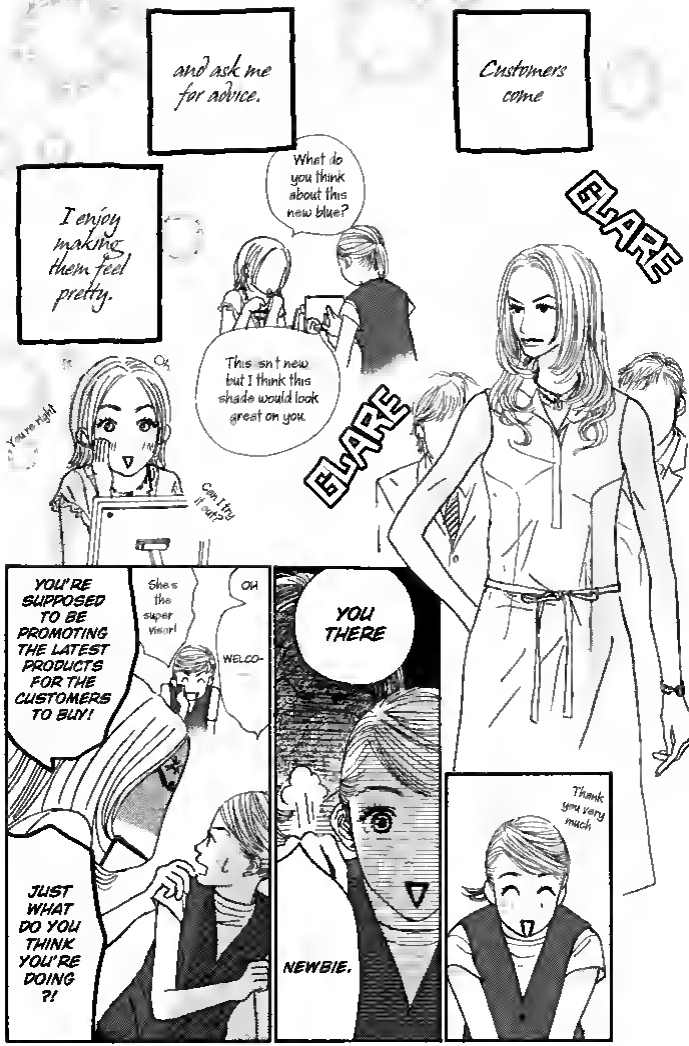
and ask me for advice.
Customers come
I enjoy making them feel pretty.
What do you think about this new blue?
This isn't new but I think this shade would look great on you.
You're right
Oh
Can I try it out?
GLARE
GLARE
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PROMOTING THE LATEST PRODUCTS FOR THE CUSTOMERS TO BUY!
She's the super vixen!
OH
WELCO-
JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
YOU THERE
NEWBIE.
Thank you very much

THE NEW COLOR WASN'T RIGHT FOR THAT CUSTOMER'S FACIAL TONE...
EH?
EH?
I CAN SEE THAT!
BUT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO MAKE THEM WANT TO BUY IT!
DON'T IGNORE NEW PRODUCTS!! THEY'RE EXPENSIVE AND THERE ARE LOTS OF THEM!!
SELL! SELL! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SELL!!
DOOM
ABE-SAN
HANG IN THERE.
Let's go!
THIS NEWBIE'S COUNTER TRAINING NEEDS TO BE REDONE!!
DUCK
DUCK
Sniffle
Sniffle
Sniffle
Sniffle
CHIEF ...
WHAT'S WITH HER ...?
LIKE I SAID,
SHE'S THE SUPERVISOR.

I'm in the beauty department
Oh, but don't worry about it. It's important to reach the customer's heart!
WHAT SHE SAYS IS TRUE, THOUGH
SHE SHOT TO THE TOP WITH HER SALES, SO SHE'S STRICT.
and she's the one standing at the top?
I probably shouldn't think about it too much...
RMC
RMC SPECIAL MAKE-UP BEAUTY
AKIHIRO
SUMMER MAKE-UP
I long to be a make-up artist
my dream is to become a make-up artist!
I thought having a sales job would suit me...
SIGH
SHUT
I'M HOME
Whisper

WAH!
I'M NOT SICK
I TOOK SOME TIME OFF
I'M AT THE CLIMAX OF MY STORY
I WAS SURPRISED TO SEE YOU HOME.
SOMETHING HAPPEN AT WORK ?
ARE YOU NOT FEELING WELL?
Hm
HMPH
I KNEW IT.
HE DIDN'T TOUCH LAST NIGHT'S DINNER.
He said he'd it eat for breakfast
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT TODAY?
Any thing

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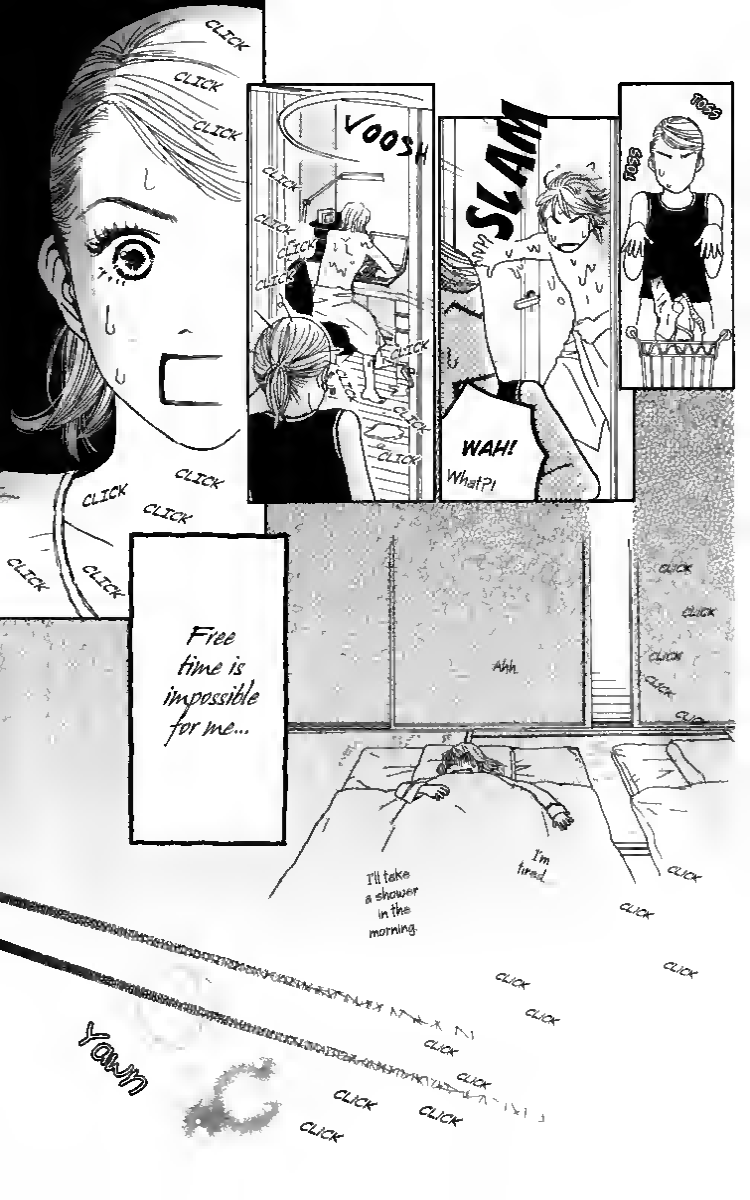
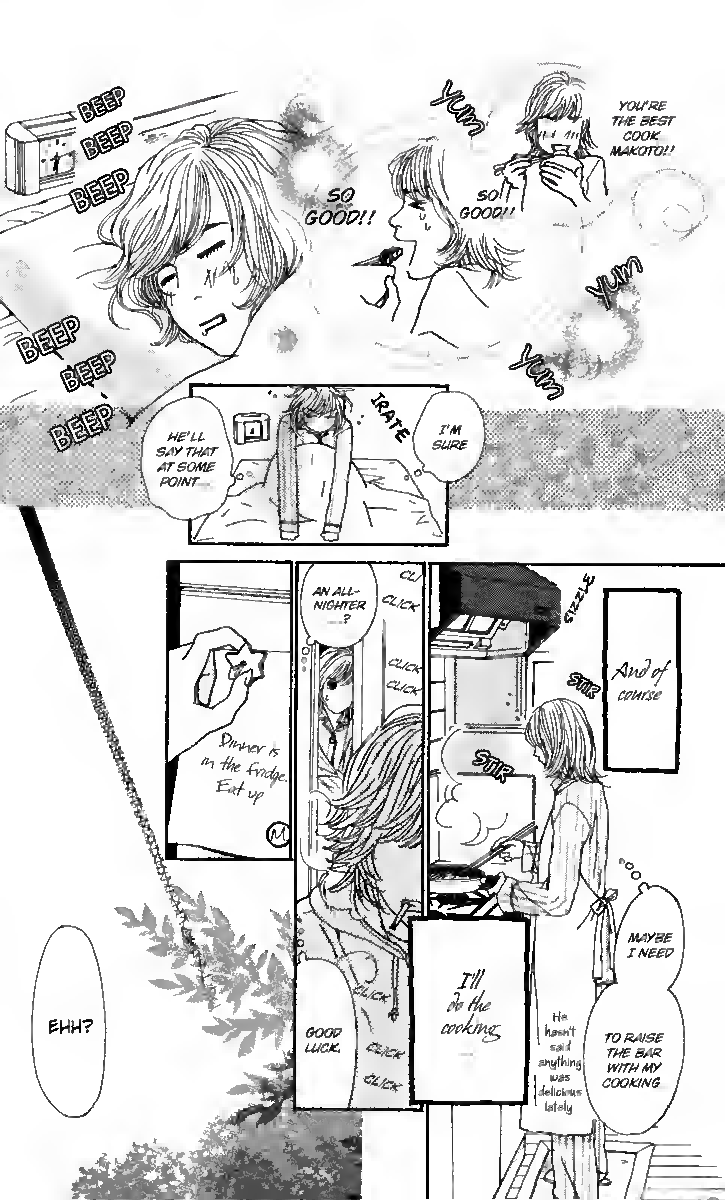
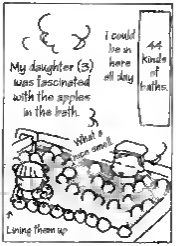
I'M SURE IS DOING THAT BECAUSE HE'S THINKING ABOUT THE NOVEL
I DON'T GET IT. MAYBE HE'S IN SOME FAR AND DEEP WORLD
LLLL
RO
BUT
HE'S FINALLY HOME AND HE'S BEEN LIKE THAT ALL DAY.
Is he okay?
BUSY BU
While making dinner
Fold the laundry
I clean the bathroom.
BUSY
Do the ironing
BUS
Air out the futon.
BUSY
MASARU
BUS
... ..
Ticks me off
It's a writer's house.
I CAN'T
TALK WITH THIS MOOD...
THANKS FOR DINNER

I cook dinner for us, do the clean up
CLATTER
CLATTER
and do the laundry.
SIGH
It was good.
THE BATH IS READY
OK
.....
ZAAAH
DONG
DONG
DONG
DONG
At least I thought I enjoyed that stuff.
.....


CLICK
Free time is impossible for me...
VOOSH
SLAM
WAH!
What?!
GASP
TOOT
Ahh
I'll take a shower in the morning.
I'm tired.
Yawn

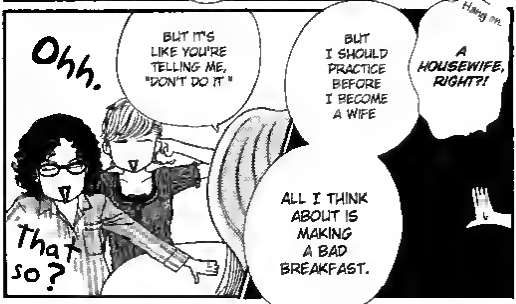

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
SO GOOD!!
YUM
YOU'RE THE BEST COOK MAKOTO!!
SO GOOD!!
YUM
YUM
IRATE
I'M SURE
HE'LL SAY THAT AT SOME POINT...
Dinner is in the fridge. Eat up
M
AN ALL-NIGHTER ...?
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
GOOD LUCK.
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
I'll do the cooking
SIZZLE
STIR
STIR
And of course
He hasn't said anything was delicious lately
MAYBE I NEED
TO RAISE THE BAR WITH MY COOKING
EHH?

2
The forest was a deep green for our first time in Nasu and the setting was perfect
The weather was nice too
There were cute shops here and there.


My daughter (3) was fascinated with the apples in the bath.
I could be in here all day
44 kinds of baths
What a nice smell
Lining them up

Dinner was a three course meal. Each time the restaurant was different but each was really delicious.
You need tea to go with Chinese food
Thanks!
I was stuffed.
Briskly eating.

THIS WIFE HAS TO MAKE DINNER AFTER THAT.
I CALL IT NEWLY-WEDS EHEHE
ARE YOU GUYS GOING ANYWHERE ON THE HOLIDAY? MOVIES MAYBE...?
THEN CLEAN AND DO THE LAUNDRY.


Ohh.
That so?
BUT IT'S LIKE YOU'RE TELLING ME, "DON'T DO IT."
BUT I SHOULD PRACTICE BEFORE I BECOME A WIFE
Hang on.
A HOUSEWIFE, RIGHT?!
ALL I THINK ABOUT IS MAKING A BAD BREAKFAST.

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I'm beat.
Phew.
DID YOU GAIN WEIGHT, MAKOTO?
UGH
YOU NOTICED?
IT'S BECAUSE I WAIT FOR MASARU TO GET HOME AND EAT DINNER AT 10 OR 11 PM.
I get so hungry I snack on sweets.
BEFORE THAT I DO THE LAUNDRY. I DON'T EVEN HAVE TIME TO WATCH TV.
EEK. IT'S LIKE WORKING. HOW AWFUL.
I go home just to sleep and wait for the weekend.
COULDN'T MASARU FIND THE TIME TO HELP YOU WITH THE HOUSEWORK?
I MAKE HIM MEALS AND HE DOESN'T EAT THEM.
HE LEAVES IT UNTOUCHED SO I HAVE TO THROW THEM OUT.
I DON'T HATE HOUSEWORK SO IT'S FINE
BUT AT LEAST SHOW GRATITUDE.
Sorry for just complaining.
That was disorientating.
BUT MAYBE
IT'S TOO LATE.

EH?
My older sisters told me
WHEN YOU FIRST LIVE TOGETHER, WOMEN ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT DOING THE HOUSEWORK TO PERFECTION. MEN JUST THINK THAT'S NATURAL, SO THEY DON'T SHOW GRATITUDE FOR IT.
Like it's a woman's duty
They said to cut corners and it'll go back to normal
THEY SAY IT'S BEST TO START OFF SLOW
CLINK
ARE THESE WOMAN AIRHEADS? ARE THEY ACTUALLY THINKING ABOUT IT?
SIGH. BUT
I CAN'T COMPREHEND THE HOUSEKEEPING THING.
IS IT BETTER THAT YOU ENJOY PLAYING HOUSE MORE?
IT'S FINE. IF SHIBUKATSU ISN'T CONCERNED THEN MAKOTO DOESN'T HAVE TO WORK HARD ON HOUSEWORK.
IF SHE PAYS HALF THE BILLS, SHOULDN'T HE PITCH IN TOO?
BLAH
BLAH

This is the first time I've been excited about living together and a job.
But maybe it's a fruitless effort...
I CAN'T HELP HAVING DIFFERENT DAYS OFF
AH! SORRY FOR DISTURBING YOUR LUNCH BREAK.
TIME TO GO BACK TO WORK.
NEXT TIME WE'LL HANG OUT AT MAKOTO'S WORK
I always have free time
See ya
That might still be questionable...
Did I... over do it?
But you're just going around to general stores
What do you think of this plate for curry?
Let's go shopping
What shall we do now?

I enjoy it more every day.
I FEEL... DEPRESSED
ABOUT GOING HOME.
SIGH
MAYBE I SHOULD BRING UP... SHARING THE HOUSEWORK.
BUT RIGHT NOW I DO ALL OF IT...
IT'S HARD TO TELL HIM TO DO THE DISHES WHEN HE'S IMMERSED IN HIS NOVEL...
JINGLE
I HAVEN'T BEEN HOME SINCE THIS MORNING
NOT GOOD.. HE'S STILL IN WORK MODE.
OH. WELCOME HOME
HUH? YOU WENT OUT?
I'M HOME
SHUT
DAZED

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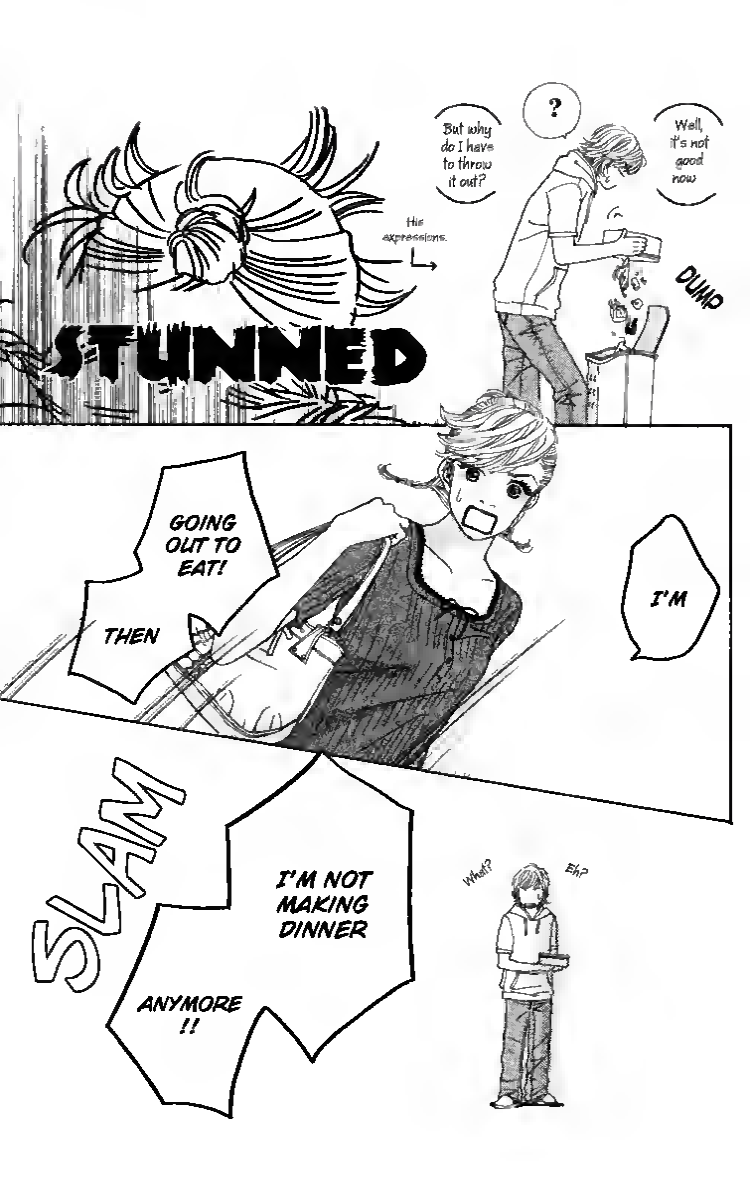
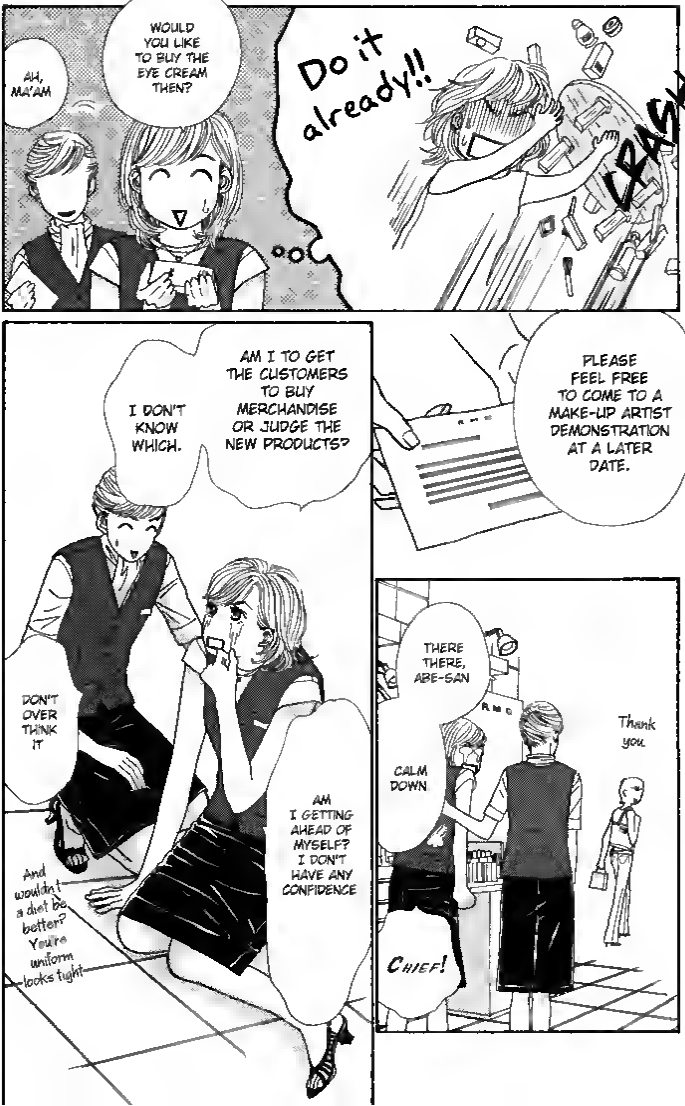
.....
I MADE YOU DINNER TODAY JUST IN CASE.
DID YOU EAT DINNER?
Did you say something?
EH?
NOTHING.
YEP, HE DIDN'T TOUCH IT.
HERE.
Masaru, Dinner is in the fridge so eat up
M
I'm starving though Hmph
WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR DINNER?
WAIT A MINUTE.
OHH
NOT HUNGRY
SORRY COUNT ME OUT
Ah
.....
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO EAT IT, CAN YOU THROW IT OUT?


STUNNED
His expressions.
But why do I have to throw it out?
?
Well, it's not good now
DUMP
I'M
THEN
GOING OUT TO EAT!
SLAM
I'M NOT MAKING DINNER
ANYMORE !!
What?
Eh?

that I have a hard time being myself.
I wonder if it's okay
I'll get fat
I'll binge out
Is it okay that
I'm feeling insensitive ?!!
More!!
WELCOME

SHINE
CAN I HELP YOU FIND SOMETHING ?
BUT IS IT BETTER TO RECOMMEND THE NEW PRODUCT?
DO I NOT TELL HER ABOUT LIQUID FOUNDATION?
Ehp? Epmm.
Should I use that?
I SHOULD SHOW HER TWO OTHERS.
WILL SHE BUY THE BETTER OF THE TWO?
GET ON WITH IT!
Oh, that?
GET FAT!
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU HAVE ANY WRINKLES HOW DO I GET LIKE THAT?
I FEEL LIKE I'M GETTING WRINKLES
THERE IS NOTHING LIKE IT.
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE LATEST EYE CREAM?
Ohh.
I mean, look at this.
THE REGULAR LIQUID STUFF IS ENOUGH FOR HER
THIS EXPENSIVE CREAM ISN'T FOR THIS CUSTOMER.
Would you like to try it out?
That seems nice.


AH, MA'AM
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY THE EYE CREAM THEN?
Do it already!!
CRASH
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME TO A MAKE-UP ARTIST DEMONSTRATION AT A LATER DATE.
AM I TO GET THE CUSTOMERS TO BUY MERCHANDISE OR JUDGE THE NEW PRODUCTS?
I DON'T KNOW WHICH.
THERE THERE, ABE-SAN
CALM DOWN
Thank you
CHIEF!
AM I GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF? I DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE
DON'T OVER THINK IT
And wouldn't a diet be better? Your uniform looks tight

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Collecting data I'll be a while for a while
Masaru
AGAIN ...?
DOOOOOOONG
I WANT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT WORK
BUT I HAVE NO ONE TO TALK TO
I CAN TAKE A SHOWER IN THE MORNING.
I SHOULD DO LAUNDRY. BUT SHOULD I DO TWO OR THREE DAYS WORTH FOR ONE PERSON?
.....
I don't feel like cooking now.

AHH.
IT'S QUIET WITHOUT HIS TYPING!
Time to sleep!!
It's too quiet. I can't sleep...
YOU CAN'T GO OUT!
IDIOT!
I'm lonely with us living together
And I'm lonely when by myself...

DONG
GOOD MORNING ...
ARE YOU ABE-SAN ?
MORNING.
AKIHIRO !!
WHY IS HE HERE?!
Chief!!
AKIHIRO summer collection
I TOLD YOU ABOUT IT BEFORE DIDN'T I? WE'RE HAVING A MAKE-UP ARTIST FROM HEAD QUARTERS TODAY GIVE MAKE-UP LESSONS.
YOU'RE TO BE HIS ASSISTANT TODAY.
We have regular customers.

ASSISTANT?
What do I do?
EHHP!
I'LL INTRODUCE MYSELF TO THE CUSTOMER.
MC
I'm OO of the make-up department
SHALL WE BEGIN ABE-SAN?
OH.
SURE.
IT'S OKAY. I'LL WALK YOU THROUGH IT.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
I WASN'T INFORMED SHE WAS COMING. SHE JUST SHOWED UP.
WHY HAS MS MIZUTANI COME?
Actually
First, I look at the condition of your skin.
Nice to meet you.

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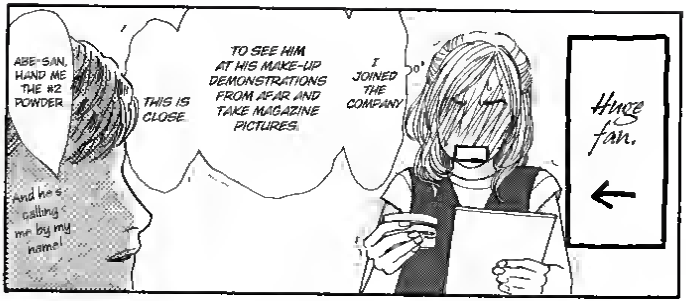
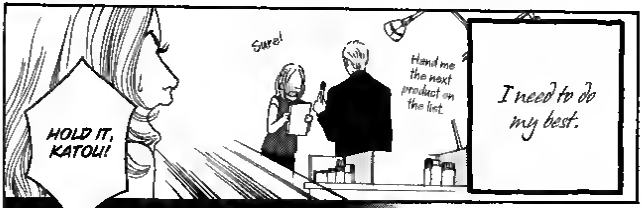

Huge fan.
I JOINED THE COMPANY
TO SEE HIM AT HIS MAKE-UP DEMONSTRATIONS FROM AFAR AND TAKE MAGAZINE PICTURES.
THIS IS CLOSE.
ABE-SAN, HAND ME THE #2 POWDER
And he's calling me by my name!

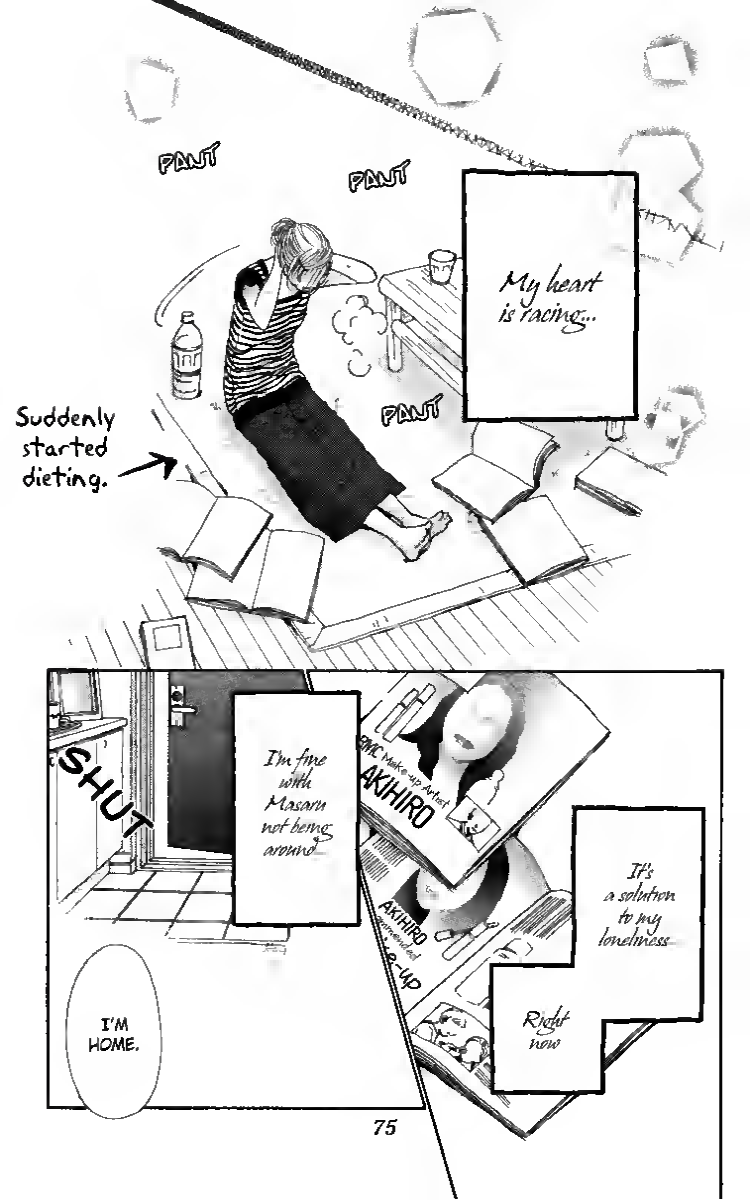

I need to do my best.
Hand me the next product on the list.
Sure!
HOLD IT, KATOU!

DON'T CALL ME BY MY NAME LIKE MY ARTIST STAGE NAME
Co-workers
I don't care about that
YOU NEED TO USE THE NEW PRODUCTS MORE. IT'S FOR THE EVENT.
PIPE DOWN.

I'M DOING MY JOB TO BRING OUT THIS CUSTOMER'S MAXIMUM BEAUTY!
SO DON'T RUN YOUR MOUTH ABOUT THE TOOLS I USE!
What's that?!

5
AH! SORRY! I'll hand it to you!
Ah
ABE-SAN, THE MAKE-UP SHEET NOW!
DAZED
Man, she's noisy
I'VE DONE SALES IN THE PAST TOO.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT FAILURE
So
he was in the same boat as me—
Was it an outsider that called him a professional artist?
AH, AKIHIRO-SAN, WERE YOU IN THE BEAUTY DEPARTMENT?
THAT'S RIGHT. I HATED THE SALES REQUIREMENTS, BUT I LIKED THE MERCHANDISE SO I BECAME AN ARTIST
I think this color matches her eyebrows. What do you think, Abe-san?
Ok
Wow. It matches really well

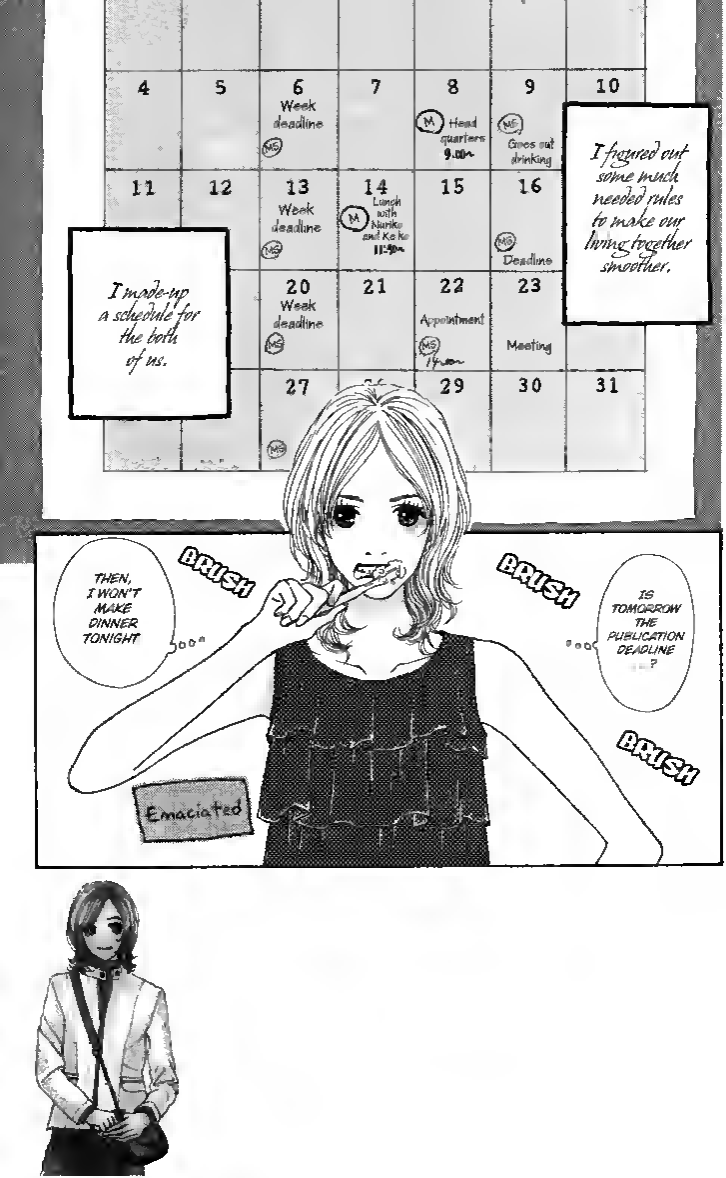
Good work today.
GOOD WORK TODAY.
ABE-SAN, YOU MADE IT VERY EASY TODAY
THANK YOU
I'LL ASK FOR YOU AT THE NEXT MAKE-UP SHOW.
WOULD YOU MIND BEING MY ASSISTANT AGAIN?
SU-
SURE.
IT WAS NICE WORKING WITH YOU!
I get to work with him again.
I wonder if... I too can be like him?


PANT
PANT
My heart is racing...
PANT
Suddenly started dieting.
SHUT
I'm fine with Masaru not being around
I'M HOME.
AKIHIRO
Make-up Artist
AKIHIRO
Make-up Artist
It's a solution to my loneliness
Right now

MAN, I'M HUNGRY.
I FINISHED WRITING IT OUT BEFORE THE TRIP. THEN I WENT TO HAND DELIVER IT TO THE PUBLISHER!
OH! YOU KNEW?
YOU... FINISHED
EXCITED
MANGA
Make-up Advice
OH
HEY MAKOTO LONG TIME NO SEE.
I BROUGHT SOUVENIRS
Oh. Wow. Nice
Your favorite chocolate strawberries
*He went to Hokkaido...?

I THINK I'LL CLEAN UP NOW
HURRY
FLIP
FLIP
AH.
ERMM.
SORRY, I'VE BEEN BUSY. I'LL TIDY UP NOW
HURRY
IT'S OKAY.
I'LL DO THE LAUNDRY AND CLEANING YOU CAN TAKE A BREAK
Eh?!
GROOOWL
I WANT TO EAT YOUR HOME COOKING
AH... BUT
CAN YOU DO THE COOKING?
Sh-sure
WRRRR
ALSO...
I'M SORRY.

カラフル
パレット


I made up a schedule for the both of us.
I figured out some much needed rules to make our living together smoother.
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6
Week deadline
MS
7
8
M
Head quarters
9.am
9
MS
Goes out drinking
10
11
12
13
Week deadline
MS
14
M
Lunch with Naoko and Ke ke
11:30
15
16
MS
Deadline
20
Week deadline
MS
21
22
Appointment
MS
4pm
23
Meeting
27
MS
29
30
31
THEN, I WON'T MAKE DINNER TONIGHT
BRUSH
BRUSH
IS TOMORROW THE PUBLICATION DEADLINE ...?
BRUSH
Emaciated

I got a text saying he won't be eating dinner
DUUUU
"I won't be home for dinner"
BUT I ALREADY MADE DINNER!
Today is chicken and boiled tomatoes
Part 2
Abe-san, want to go out for a drink today ?
SORRY, I'M GOING HOME

TEXT ME BEFORE 17.00 WHEN YOU DON T WANT TO EAT DINNER ← ~~TEXT ME WHEN YOU DON T WANT TO EAT DINNER~~ ← Revised response

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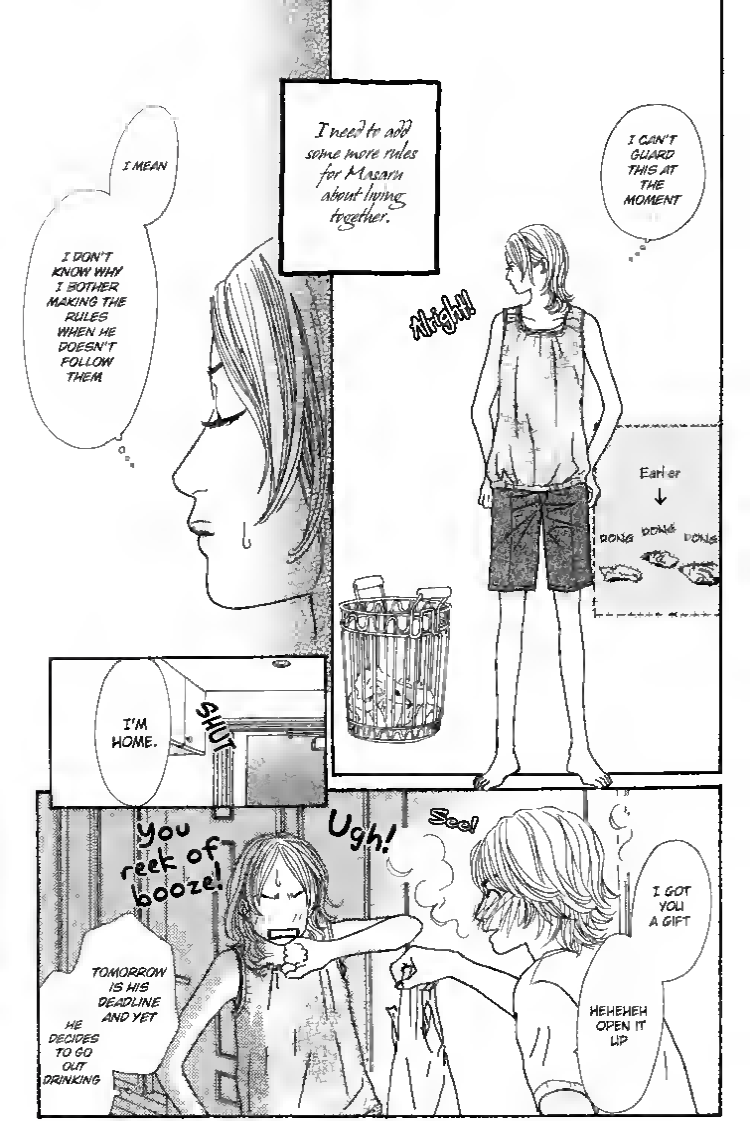
I need to add some more rules for Masaru about living together.
I CAN'T GUARD THIS AT THE MOMENT
Argh!
Earlier
DONG
DONG
DONG
I MEAN
I DON'T KNOW WHY I BOTHER MAKING THE RULES WHEN HE DOESN'T FOLLOW THEM.
I'M HOME.
SHUT
You reek of booze!
Ugh!
See!
I GOT YOU A GIFT
HEHEHEH OPEN IT UP
TOMORROW IS HIS DEADLINE AND YET
HE DECIDES TO GO OUT DRINKING

I'M JUMPING IN THE SHOWER
LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK
TO TEXT ME WHEN HE'S RUNNING LATE AND TO LINE UP HIS SHOES
I'M DONE WITH TELLING HIM
First thing she noticed.
Strawberry red pepper ice cream.
IF SOMETHING NEW CATCHES HIS EYE, HE'LL MAKE SURE I'M EATING IT
Honestly
MUNCH
I like strawberry but I'll get fat again.
Hey!
Go back and dry yourself off!
DRIP
HOW'S IT TASTE?
DRIP
DRIP
You try eating it!
Does it taste that bad?!

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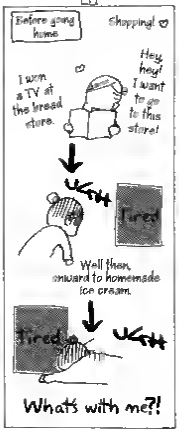
Before going home
Shopping! ♡
I won a TV at the bread store.
Hey, hey! I want to go to this store!
UGH
Tired
Well then, onward to homemade ice cream.
Tired
UGH
What's with me?!

Yay!
I only bought you a souvenir
The Cyprus beads are a national tourist attraction. (However there are only two colors.)

Brisk swimming, brisk eating and brisk having fun on vacation
All real healthy like
Completely exhausted
END

GOOD WORK TODAY
THE STAFF AND I ARE GOING OUT TO EAT, WANT TO COME?
Good work
Sure, I'll go!!
AMAZING GROUP
AMAZING PLACE
Is that so?
I read the article in the magazine on Akihiro-san.
The other day I said I want to do make-up again.
ABE-SAN

I WANT TO
GO OUT FOR DRINKS AFTER?
Thank you.
Good work today.
I
COULD NEVER MASTER EYELINER LIKE YOU DID!
I GOT THE MAKE-UP TRICK TODAY THOUGH!
I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU SOMEDAY, AKIHIRO-SAN!
I've never been to this place
Ecstatic
YES!
AREN'T YOU IN SALES?
YOU WANT TO BE A MAKE-UP ARTIST?
Hah-h

OH, I'M NOT SAYING TO BE LIKE HER.
There's no need to train to get those arm muscles!
BUT THAT MIZUTANI WOMAN IS VERY...
I ENJOY HELPING PEOPLE
That's not what I mean.
I'M SAYING, BECOMING A MAKE-UP ARTIST ISN'T EASY.
IT'S ALL ABOUT CHANCE. EVEN I HAD HELP.
GOOD LUCK.
ANYWAYS, YOU WERE GREAT AS MY ASSISTANT.
I'LL ASK FOR YOU AGAIN NEXT TIME.
CAN I CALL YOU MAKOTO -CHAN?

DID YOU EAT DINNER?
.....
YEAH. IT WAS DELICIOUS.
WELCOME HOME.
Night owl
SORRY FOR BEING LATE...
I got it!
Did you get my text?
CREEP
I'M HOME ...
.....
Are you proud of that?
I tried it all by myself.
AND HERE I COOK FOR HIM EVERYDAY ...
DOES THIS STUFF SATISFY HIM...? I WAS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT HE WAS EATING...
IT WAS SO DELICIOUS I ATE THE WHOLE THING.
THAT'S GOOD STUFF.
WANT TO TRY IT NEXT TIME?
Good night
I'M GOING TO BED.
.....
ALL HE TALKS ABOUT IS HOW GOOD RAMEN IS...
IS THAT HOW HE FEELS ABOUT MY COOKING? I HAVE NO IDEA.

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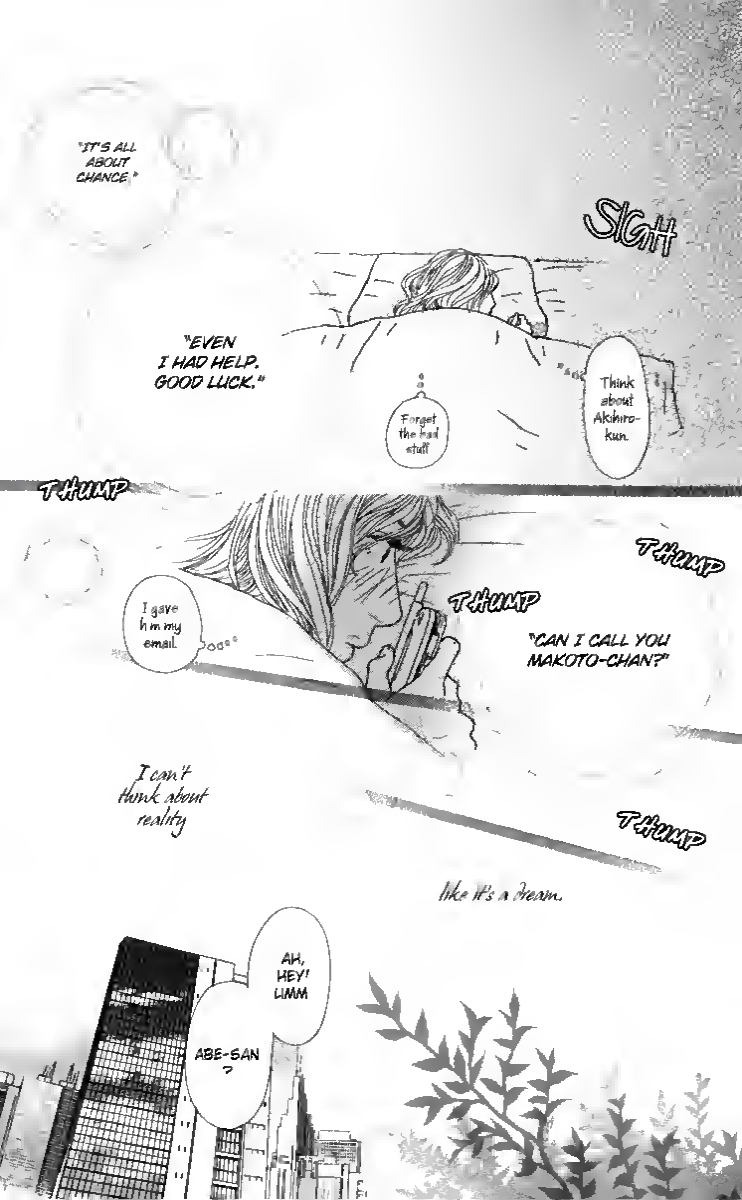
"IT'S ALL ABOUT CHANCE."
SIGH
"EVEN I HAD HELP. GOOD LUCK."
Forget the bad stuff
Think about Akihiro-kun.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
I gave him my email.
"CAN I CALL YOU MAKOTO-CHAN?"
I can't think about reality
like it's a dream.
AH, HEY! UMM
ABE-SAN ?

YES?
OH.
ISHII-SAN FROM HR!
LONG TIME NO SEE.
SO YOU DECIDED TO JOIN THE COMPANY? I WAS WORRIED YOU HAD CHANGED YOUR MIND.
YOU HELPED ME OUT A LOT BACK THEN!! I FIGURED I'D GIVE IT ANOTHER GO.
SO, WHERE ARE YOU ASSIGNED?
SALES, IN THE BEAUTY DEPARTMENT.
TODAY IS MY FIRST MONTH OF TRAINING.
I'll wait in the lobby.
I SEE. HAVE YOU HAD LUNCH YET?
WANT TO GO WITH ME?
OH.
SURE.
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.

I HEARD THE NEW HIRE WAS A SALES GIRL IN THE BEAUTY DEPARTMENT
I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS YOU THOUGH
YOU WERE ANXIOUS TO GO SHOW UP AT THE PLANNING AND PR DEPARTMENTS, WEREN'T YOU?
WHAT A LOVELY PLACE
WHAT IS IT?
I'M GLAD YOU JOINED THE COMPANY
That's it
OH!
Eh?
ISHII, YOU BROUGHT A CUTE GIRL
CAN WE JOIN YOU TOO?
AH, IT'S FINE WITH ME
PLEASE JOIN US
SHOW SOME MANNERS GUYS

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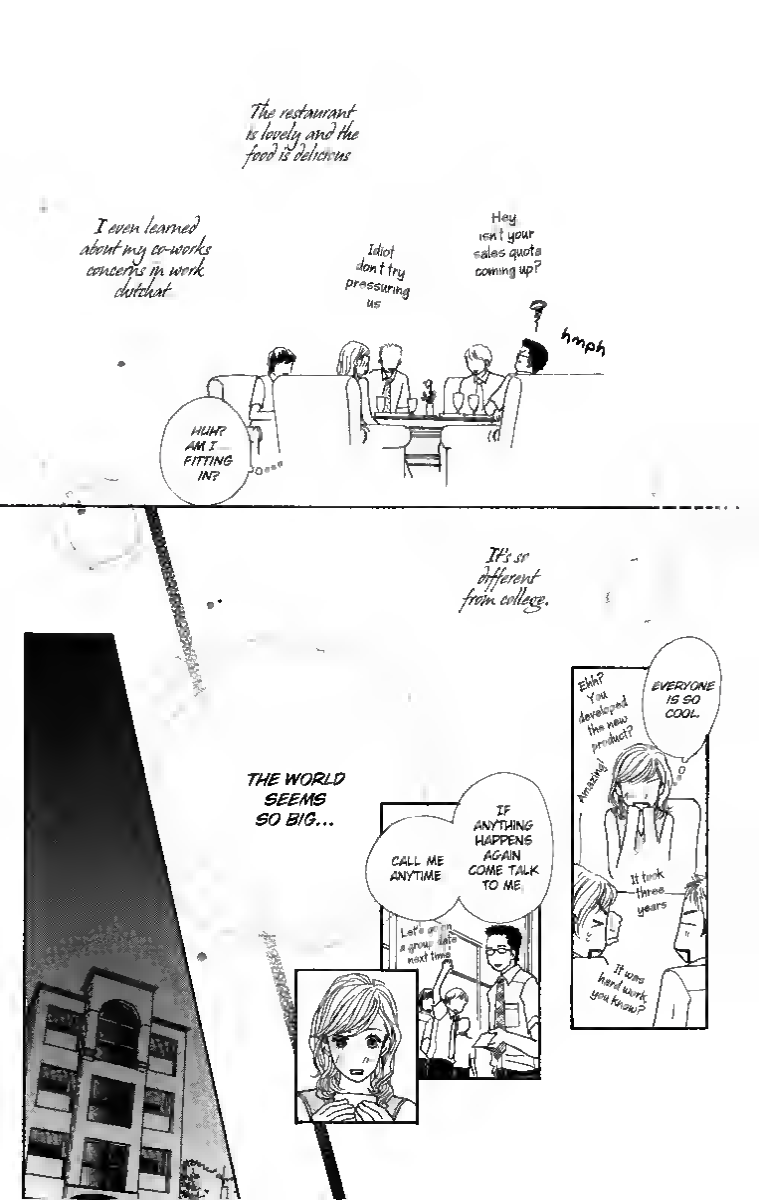
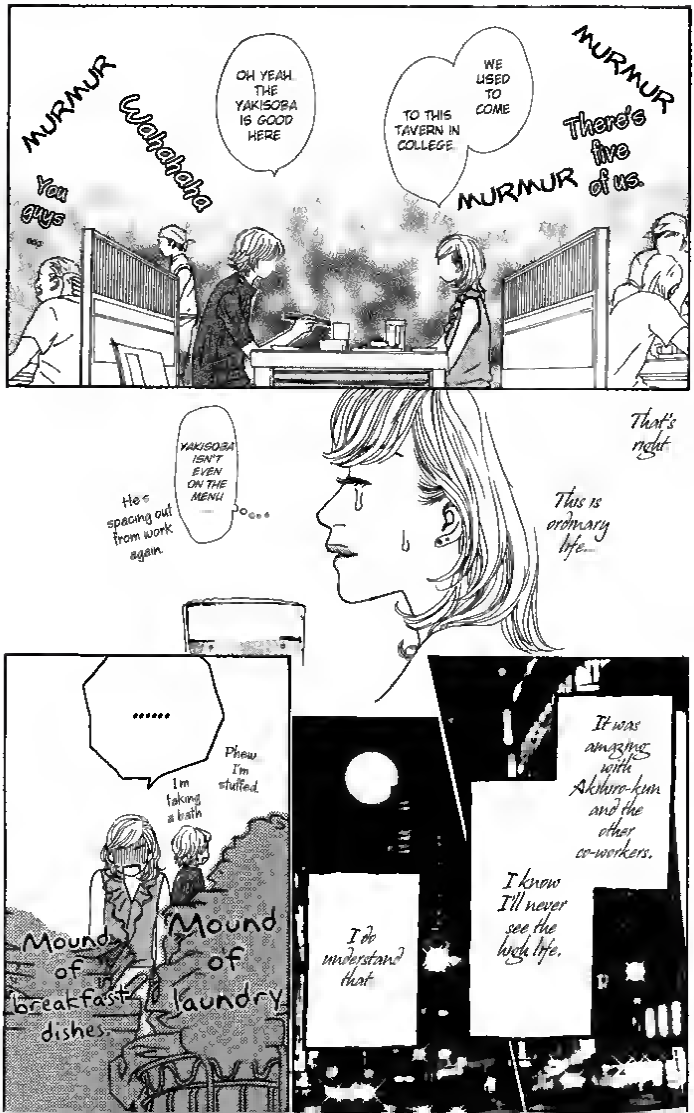

The restaurant is lovely and the food is delicious
I even learned about my co-workers concerns in work outchat
Idiot don't try pressuring us
Hey isn't your sales quota coming up?
hmph
HUH? AM I FITTING IN?
It's so different from college.
Ehh? You developed the new product?
Amazing!
EVERYONE IS SO COOL.
It took three years
It was hard work, you know?
THE WORLD SEEMS SO BIG...
CALL ME ANYTIME
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS AGAIN COME TALK TO ME
Let's go on a group date next time

blush
WOW, EVERY DAY HAS BEEN AMAZING ...
click
SLAM
WOOZY
DOOM
He needs to make the futon when he wakes up.
STUMBLE
AND NOW IT'S ORDINARY ...
Ooo.

Welcome home
I'm starving
HOW WAS WORK?
I had a day off
gasp
gulp
WAH! THERE YOU ARE!
Long Deadline
He's talking, but only half-aware of his surroundings.
GRRRRRRR
gROOOWL
He's in all out work mode...
OH... DINNER?
SORRY I DIDN'T THINK TO TEXT YOU. THERE'S NO FOOD TO COOK EITHER
THAT'S FINE LET'S GO OUT TO EAT
WHY AM I SAYING SORRY?
IF HE'S HOME, HE SHOULD MAKE THE FUTON


MURMUR
Wahahaha
You guys
OH YEAH. THE YAKISOBA IS GOOD HERE
WE USED TO COME
TO THIS TAVERN IN COLLEGE
MURMUR
MURMUR
There's five of us.
YAKISOBA ISN'T EVEN ON THE MENU!
He's spacing out from work again.
That's right
This is ordinary life...
.....
Phew I'm stuffed
I'm taking a bath
Mound of breakfast dishes
Mound of laundry
It was amazing with Akihiro-kun and the other co-workers.
I know I'll never see the high life.
I do understand that

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He doesn't get how increasingly irritated I'm getting.
I'm better off doing them myself than thinking hateful things.
NO-
NOTHING
CLINK
CLINK
"Couldn't you do the dishes for me?"
I can't say that with Masaru's deadline looming.
But those "why me" feelings are growing stronger day by day.
I QUIT MY JOB
INSTEAD OF TAKING TIME OFF.
Argh...
EH?
TAKING TIME OFF IS A PAIN. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO JUGGLE WORK AND WRITING.
YEAH
YOU'RE GOING TO BE HOME ALL THE TIME THEN?

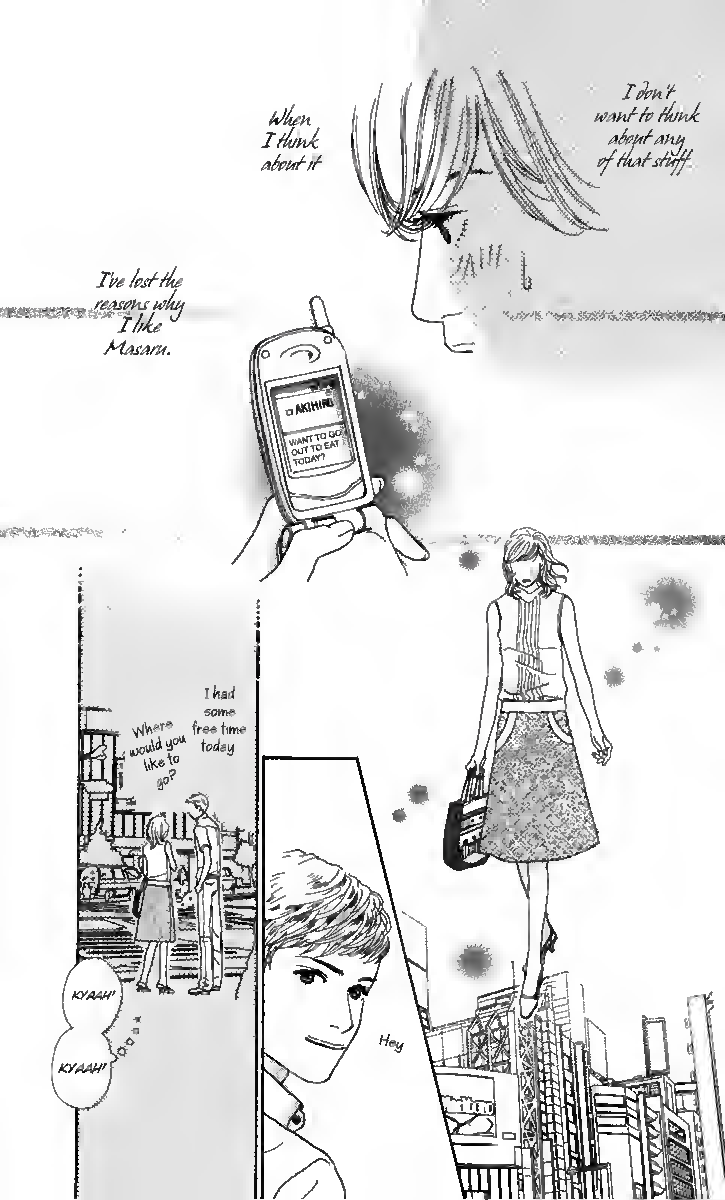
I cook and do the ironing for Masaru.

When did all this become my responsibility?

When I see Masaru now, all I want to do is complain.

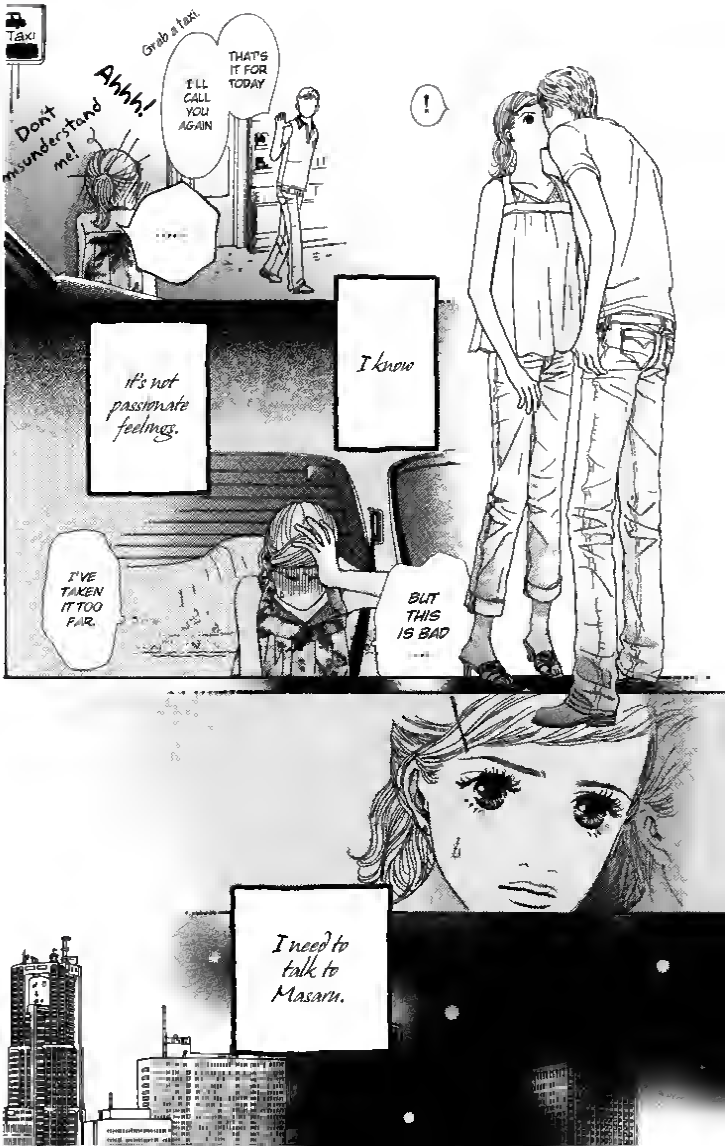
I was thrilled to do all those things for him.

When did I become like this?


When I think about it
I don't want to think about any of that stuff
I've lost the reasons why I like Masaru.
AKIHIRO
WANT TO GO OUT TO EAT TODAY?
I had some free time today
Where would you like to go?
KYAAH!
KYAAH!
Hey

Wow, the model is so pretty
Today is a magazine shoot
The artist's world is like a dream.
Maki-te-chan, the gloss please
And bring the wig from the car
Okay!
I KNOW A GOOD PLACE
WANT TO GO FOR SUSHI TODAY?
Good work
I know this is all over the top.
Ohh, sounds fun!!

My heart beats so fast when I'm with Akihiro-kun.
That was really good!
I wonder what his plans are...
IT'S OKAY.
Maybe he'll eat ramen.
OR DO YOU LIVE ALONE?
YOU GET HOME SO LATE. IS THERE SOMEONE AT HOME TO WORRY ABOUT YOU?
I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME ANYWAYS
AH.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT ...
DON'T MOVE FOR A MINUTE.
YOUR MASCARA ...


Taxi
Grab a taxi.
Ahhh!
Don't misunderstand me!
I'LL CALL YOU AGAIN
THAT'S IT FOR TODAY
.....
!
it's not passionate feelings.
I know
I'VE TAKEN IT TOO FAR.
BUT THIS IS BAD
...
I need to talk to Masaru.

ABE-SAN
SORRY, BUT YOUR SHIFT
YOU'VE BEEN ABSENT ON THE SALES FLOOR A LOT SINCE WORKING WITH AKIHIRO-KUN I'M LIMITED WITH OTHER PEOPLE
SO WE NEED TO TALK
Maybe she's his mistress
Maybe
WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO OPEN WEEKDAYS AT 9:30 TILL CLOSING AT 8?
AH... UMM.
IS THAT NO GOOD?
AH, NO. IT'S OKAY IT'S NOT A BOTHER.
I'LL DO IT.
I CAN'T MAKE DINNER, SO I'LL HAVE TO BUY SOMETHING...
I WON'T GET HOME TILL CLOSE TO 9...
Then how about next week?

Course correction!!
So delicious!!
Delicious!!
MAYBE IF I SEE MASARU'S HAPPY FACE
I CAN MAKE DO TILL THEN.
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN COOKING !!
I haven't been cooking lately
THOSE TENDER EMOTIONS FOR HIM WILL RETURN.
HUH?
COUGH
I'M HOME
SO HEAVY
Bought too much
WOULD HE SUSPECT ANYTHING IF MY MOOD SUDDENLY CHANGED ?
LOTS OF MASARU'S FAVORITES
This and that too.

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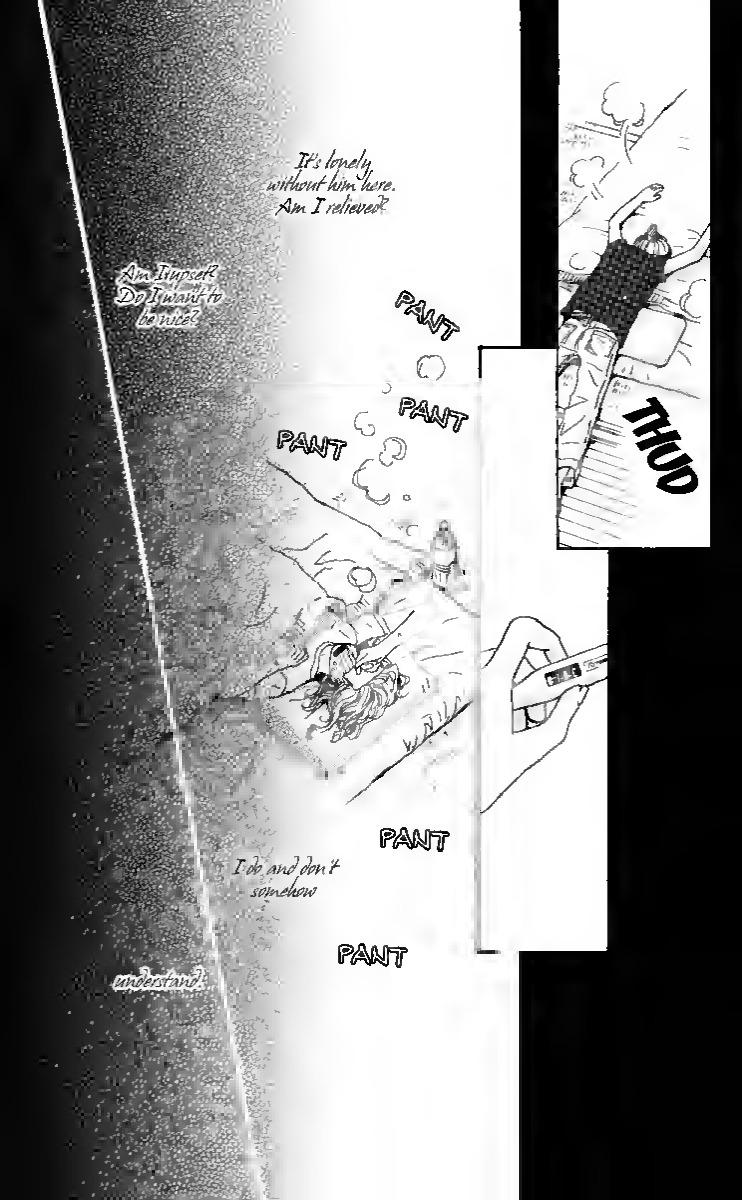
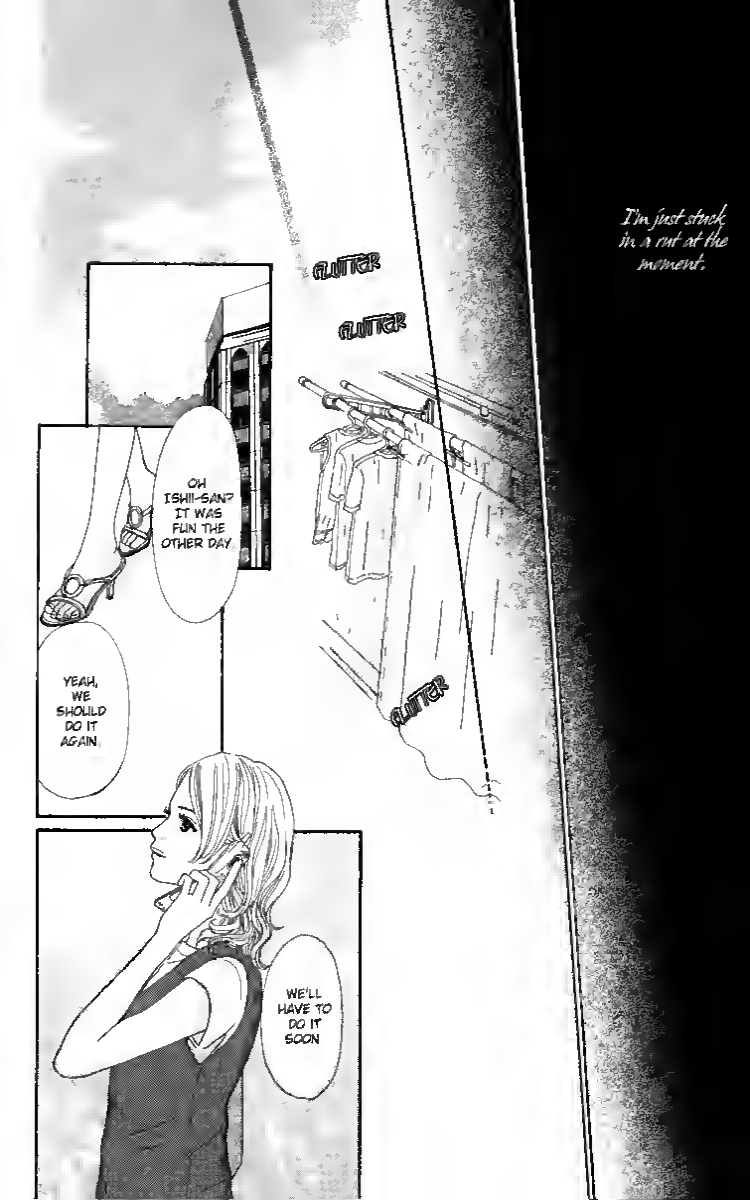
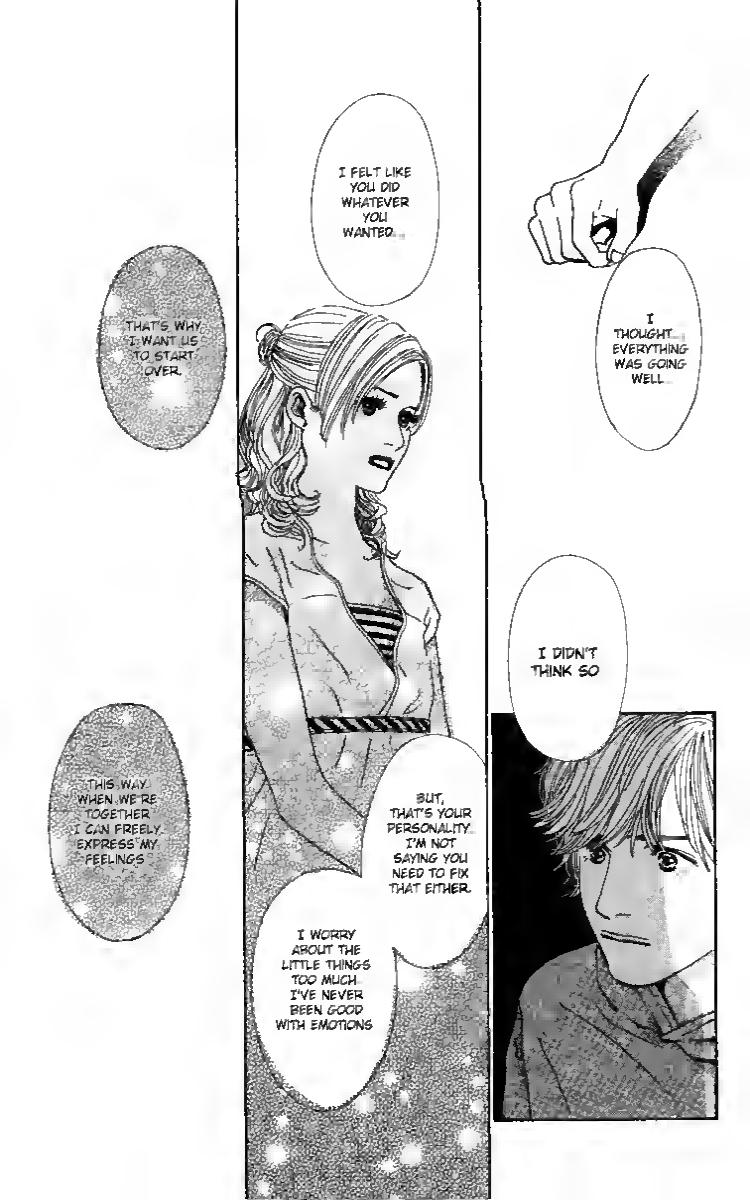
ARE YOU OKAY?!
SHOULD I NOT GO AND STAY HOME?
AH
I'M FINE.
IT JUST STARTED. I'LL GET BETTER WITH SLEEP.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. JUST GO.
BUT...
IT'S FINE
I'M OKAY. REALLY.
Then
I'm off
Call me if something happens
SILENCE
WOBBLE


It's lonely without him here. Am I relieved?
Am I upset? Do I want to be nice?
PANT
PANT
PANT
THUD
PANT
I do and don't somehow
PANT
understand?


I'm just stuck in a rut at the moment.
GLITTER
GLITTER
GLITTER
OH ISHII-SAN? IT WAS FUN THE OTHER DAY
YEAH, WE SHOULD DO IT AGAIN
WE'LL HAVE TO DO IT SOON

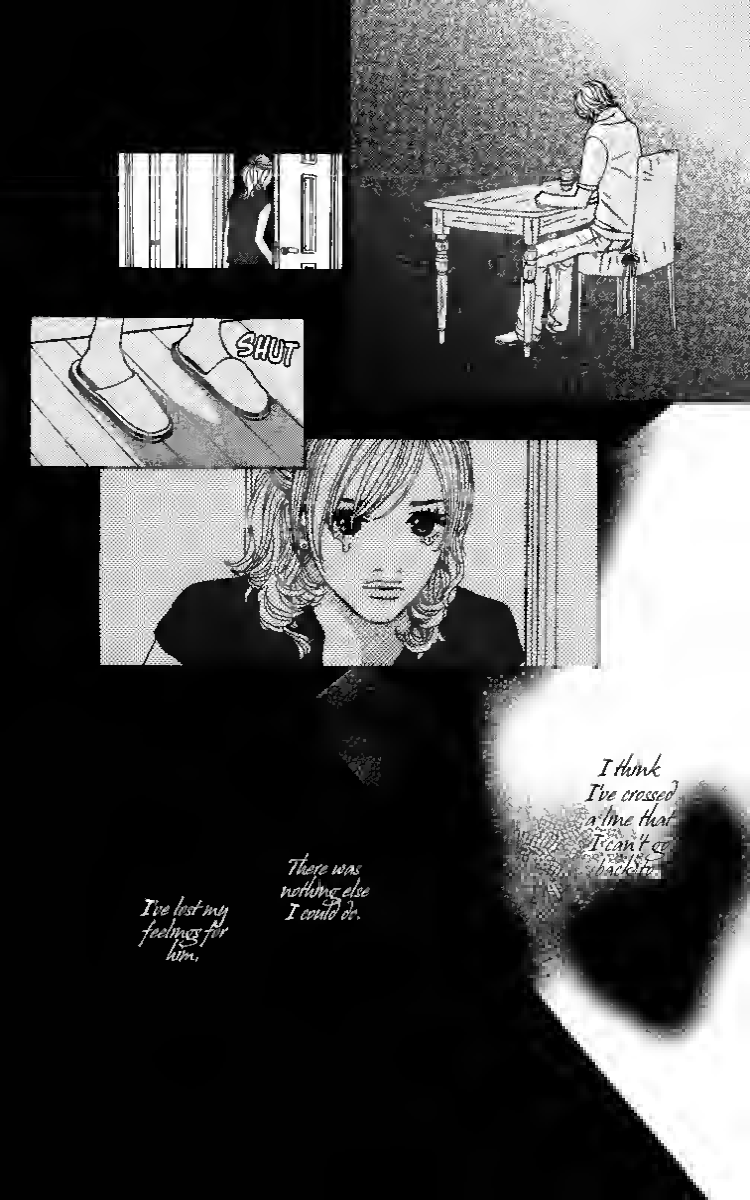
I NEED... TO TALK TO YOU
REFRESHED
I'M HOME.
WELCOME HOME
DID YOU FINISH IT?
Are you feeling better?
Yeah, I'm better
CAN YOU SIT DOWN FOR A BIT? WE NEED TO TALK
YEP HERE'S A SOUVENIR.
THANKS
...LIVE APART?!

HANG ON!
I CAN'T MAKE YOU DINNER ANYMORE AND IT'S EASIER FOR ME TO LIVE CLOSER TO WORK.
MY SHIFT CHANGED TOO I HAVE TO WORK IN THE EVENINGS NOW
EH?!
WHA-
THUNDERCLAP
EH?!
I'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE COMPANY DORMS IT'S FREE SO I THINK I SHOULD LOOK INTO IT
I turned down the offer once already It might be useless already asking, but I'll talk to my senpai in personnel
YOU WANT TO ...
LEAVE?
EH? WAIT..
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
WAS THERE A PROBLEM ?
IT'S BETTER FOR YOU TOO YOU CAN CONCENTRATE THEN
.....
YES


I FELT LIKE YOU DID WHATEVER YOU WANTED.
I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WAS GOING WELL.
THAT'S WHY I WANT US TO START OVER.
I DIDN'T THINK SO
BUT, THAT'S YOUR PERSONALITY. I'M NOT SAYING YOU NEED TO FIX THAT EITHER.
THIS WAY WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER I CAN FREELY EXPRESS MY FEELINGS
I WORRY ABOUT THE LITTLE THINGS TOO MUCH I'VE NEVER BEEN GOOD WITH EMOTIONS

IF THAT'S THE CASE
IF WE LIVED APART... COULD YOU
I THINK I'D DO MY UTMOST
TRULY EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS?
INSTEAD OF US BEING TOGETHER EVERY DAY, IT'LL BE JUST WEEKENDS. IF WE SAW EACH OTHER ONCE IN A WHILE I FEEL LIKE I COULD BE KIND AGAIN
I DON'T WANT TO BREAK UP
SO FOR NOW... YOU'RE SAYING YOU WANT AN EMOTIONAL "BREAK UP" INSTEAD OF SPLITTING UP...
.....

I WON'T SAY I UNDERSTAND
YOU DON'T WANT TO LIVE TOGETHER SO WE CAN'T BE TOGETHER.
We're not breaking up!! Isn't seeing each other on the weekends the same as now?
I don't hate Masaru.
My perspective of Masaru has changed.
I hate myself for diminishing something of Masaru.


SHUT
I've lost my feelings for him.
There was nothing else I could do.
I think I've crossed a line that I can't go back from.

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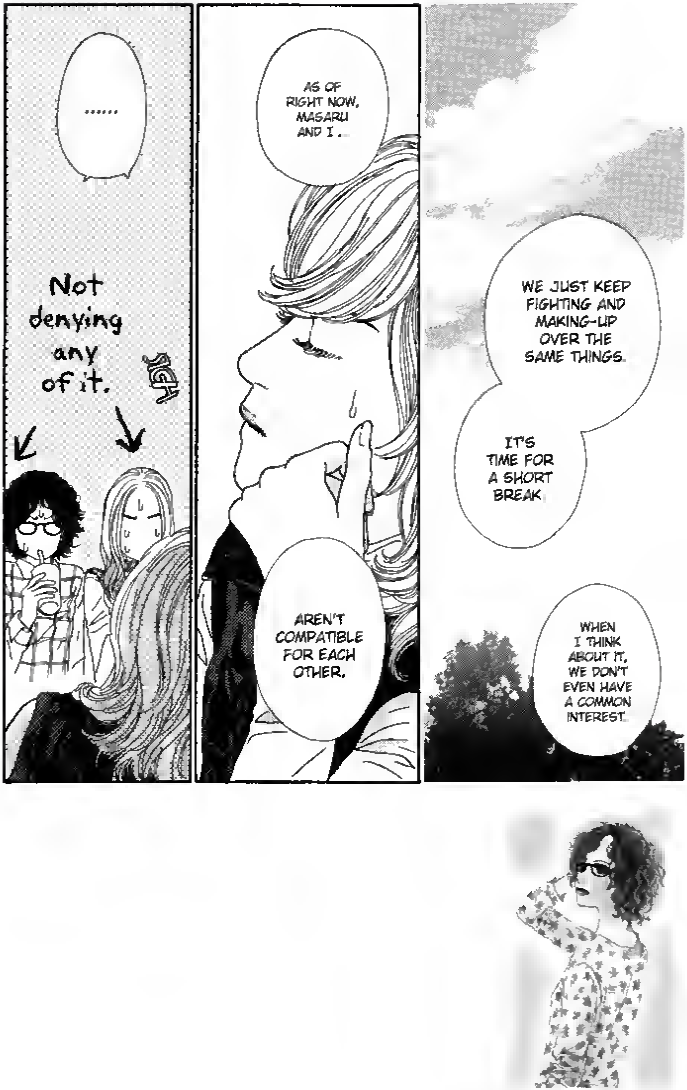
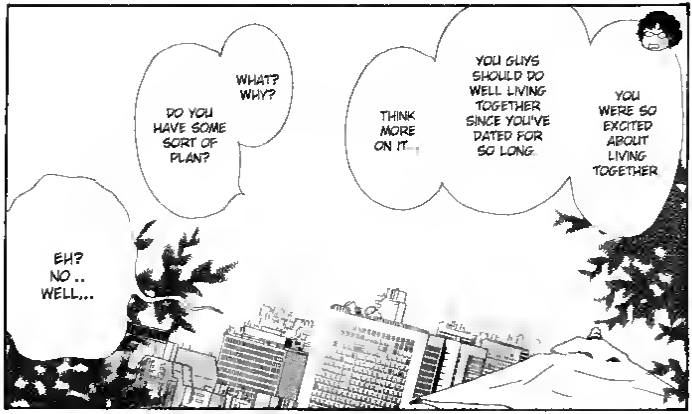

.....
Not denying any of it.
SIGH
AS OF RIGHT NOW, MASARU AND I...
AREN'T COMPATIBLE FOR EACH OTHER.
WE JUST KEEP FIGHTING AND MAKING-UP OVER THE SAME THINGS.
IT'S TIME FOR A SHORT BREAK.
WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A COMMON INTEREST.


EH? NO.. WELL...
DO YOU HAVE SOME SORT OF PLAN?
WHAT? WHY?
THINK MORE ON IT...
YOU GUYS SHOULD DO WELL LIVING TOGETHER SINCE YOU'VE DATED FOR SO LONG.
YOU WERE SO EXCITED ABOUT LIVING TOGETHER

NORIKO, HAVING A BABY IS SERIOUS.
TIME FOR ME TO GO. BYE.
Sorry, I'm leaving too.
KEIKO, I NEED TO TALK TO YOU MORE NEXT TIME.
Come and hang out at the company dorm.?
EXCUSE ME, HERE EAT SOME CAKE.
.....
Eh?!
MUMBLE
MAYBE HE ALREADY HAS A PLAN IN PLACE...
Hm?!
URP
MUMBLE
I CAN'T EAT ANYTHING SINCE I'M ALWAYS SICK
IT'S HARD FOR ME TO EAT.
YOU DIDN'T EAT MUCH
NORIKO, ARE YOU OKAY?
I ASSUMED IT WAS MORNING SICKNESS AND THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T HAVE AN APPETITE
Lots of nausea.
Oh, so that's it.
And yet I'm still getting fat...

Bye-bye
I've been busy getting furniture and electronics for my dorm.
I have just enough room for two people.
In reality, it's just barely enough to live with.
I even rationalize going back to Masaru's place.
I'LL HAVE TO GET THEM NEXT WEEKEND.
I'LL NEED WINTER CLOTHES SOON TOO.
I FORGOT AN UMBRELLA, WATERPROOF SPRAY AND HAIRDRYER.

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DING DOOONG
Honestly, I'm reluctant to go back.
Even though I told him we're not breaking up
we're definitely not the same anymore.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY UP AND COME IN
It was raining, so I thought I was meeting you at the subway
I never noticed how this place smells.

End of conversation
.....
.....
Phew
THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME TO TIDY UP. SHOULD I DO LAUNDRY THEN?!
EH?
ARE YOU STUPID? YOU WERE DOING THAT STUFF BEFORE.
SIT DOWN AND HAVE SOME COFFEE
I'VE KEPT THE PLACE CLEAN
I CLEANED IT UP YESTERDAY
ARE YOU GOOD ON THE DEADLINE?
YEAH I FINISHED THE BOOK THIS MORNING
It gets awkward without conversation
I DON'T SLEEP MUCH
I'm fine though

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2005 winter trip

Nishikawa Hot Spring Trip

A one night mini trip

Objective KAMAKURA

Let's go see snow!!

We live in Chiba so we don't see much snow

Snoooow!

It's dangerous to drive on snowy roads so we went by train and bus

We'll transfer buses here!

It'll be scary when she asks to go "pee pee" on a bus.

Train station. Train station

We rode the train from Chiba to the Kinugawa Hot Spring

Kinugawa Hot Spring

There isn't much snow

Is this okay?

Later it's a little over an hour by bus

The bus bounces a lot on the fallen snow

Ohhhh

YOU STAY THERE. I'LL MAKE IT MYSELF.

How rude

Did I win?!

CLACK

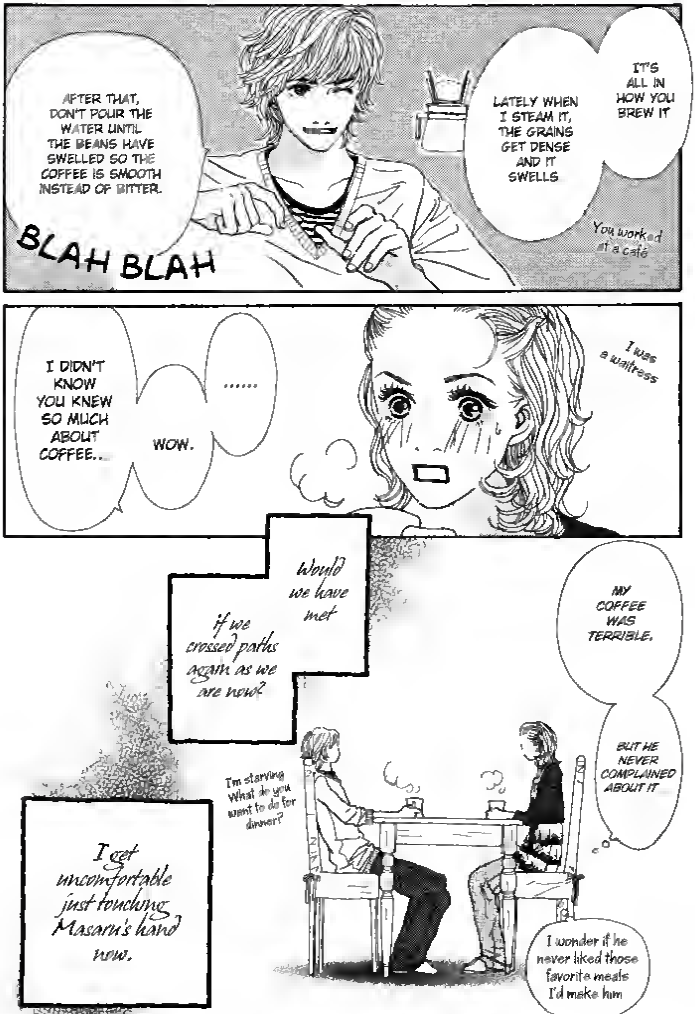
?

NO. I DIDN'T CHANGE BRANDS

DID YOU CHANGE BEANS?

....

FOR SOME REASON, IT DOESN'T TASTE BITTER ANYMORE...


AFTER THAT, DON'T POUR THE WATER UNTIL THE BEANS HAVE SWELLED SO THE COFFEE IS SMOOTH INSTEAD OF BITTER.
BLAH BLAH
LATELY WHEN I STEAM IT, THE GRAINS GET DENSE AND IT SWELLS
IT'S ALL IN HOW YOU BREW IT
You worked at a café
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU KNEW SO MUCH ABOUT COFFEE..
.....
WOW.
I was a waitress
Would we have met if we crossed paths again as we are now?
I get uncomfortable just touching Masaru's hand now.
I'm starving. What do you want to do for dinner?
MY COFFEE WAS TERRIBLE.
BUT HE NEVER COMPLAINED ABOUT IT
I wonder if he never liked those favorite meals I'd make him

I GET STUFF I CAN FREEZE FOR A WHILE
SO I HAVE FOOD DURING THE WEEK
AS FOR DINNER
I MADE THIS SIDE DISH
I BOUGHT THAT SIDE DISH TODAY
SO I'LL COOK SOMETHING
Intends to patch things up.
SO
WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?
WEREN'T YOU ANNOYED WITH DOING HOUSEWORK STUFF?

I never understood it...
It's not that I hate housework
I just hated how Masaru didn't appreciate it.
It's not that...
SO DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME DOING IT!
I CAN DO ALL THAT.
YOU'RE WASTING TIME AGAIN DOING THIS STUFF...
No talking while eating.
.....
.....
BUT IT'S DIFFICULT TO FIND SPECIFIC TOPICS TO TALK ABOUT...
BYE.. SEE YOU LATER.
OKAY. BE SAFE.

I never ...
thought we'd end up like this.
We're too awkward with each other.
I WAS HAPPY WHEN I HAD TENDER FEELINGS TOWARD HIM.
TIME GOES BY TOO QUICKLY
As it is now
I STILL CAN'T LET GO OF MY TRUE FEELINGS FOR HIM
EVEN WHILE LIVING APART ...
Really, maybe those feelings are meaningless now...

I continue to work with Akiyama-kun
MAKOTO-CHAN
WOULD YOU PLEASE DO THE MODEL'S FOUNDATION
M-M-ME?!
Magazine Shoot
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH HANDS FOR ALL THE MODELS TODAY...
YOU WORK AT THE SALES COUNTER, SO YOU'LL DO FINE.
It's the first time he's left me a job to
Cleansing products were my specialty.
I HAVE TO DO A GOOD JOB
TO BE A MAKE-UP ARTIST...
THUMP
THUMP
SHAKE
SHAKE

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It's one more step towards it...
FUNKH
HOLD IT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU HER SKIN NEEDS A SEMI-MATTE?!
Ms. Mizutani!
WHY IS SHE HERE?
USE THE WINTER PRODUCTS FOR A NATURAL LOOK! GOT IT?!
PUTTING THIS PEARL TONE ON WILL MAKE HER SKIN SHINY!
IT'S A WINTER MAKE-UP PHOTO SHOOT!
I APPROVED THE FOUNDATION
COMPLAINING TO MY ASSISTANT IS THE SAME AS COMPLAINING TO ME
QUIT MEDDLING.
.....
Look, he stood up for her
WHISPER
WHISPER
I HATE MAKE-UP ARTISTS.
THEY JUST DO WHAT THEY WANT WITH THE MAKE-UP!
THEY NEVER THINK OF THE COST TO THE COMPANY FOR THE PRODUCTS!!

.....
UMM...
NOT TO DO WHATEVER YOU FEEL LIKE!
YOU'RE TO USE THE PRODUCT LINE!
SHOUT
IT ENHANCES THE FEATURES! THE MAIN PRODUCTS PLAY A MINOR ROLE!
YOU CAN'T USE THE PRODUCTS BLINDLY!
SHOUT
LET'S GO ...
THE STAFF AND MODEL ARE WAITING ...
Is that the equipment ready
Should we take small shots next?
YOU WANT TO BE AN ARTIST, DON'T YOU?! THINK ABOUT THE THINGS YOU DESIRE!
YOU'RE ...
THAT NEW GIRL AT THE OO STORE!
YOU'RE NOT DOING SO WELL AT SALES! YOU'D BE BETTER OFF FOLLOWING MY INSTRUCTIONS !!
THINK ABOUT YOUR PLACE IN THE COMPANY WHEN YOU'RE ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK!
YOUR WORK IN THE FIELD IS ONLY SO-SO!
SALES WILL GET YOU THERE!

HONESTLY
STOMP
STOMP
.....
IF YOU GO BACK TO WORK I'LL TREAT YOU TO SOME YUMMY FOOD.
Okay?
Wonderful
OKAY
MAKOTO-CHAN, DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT SHE SAID GO BACK TO WORK
Good job today
It's still like that now.
When the two of us are alone
it's more like a relationship.
WHISPER
WHISPER
Those two are definitely...
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS SO STOP IMAGINING THINGS.
I've been avoiding being alone with Akihiro-kun as much as possible.

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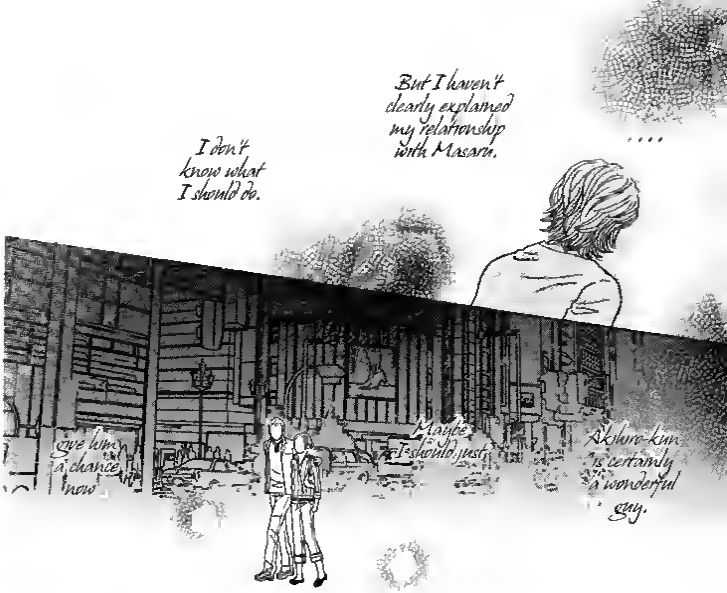
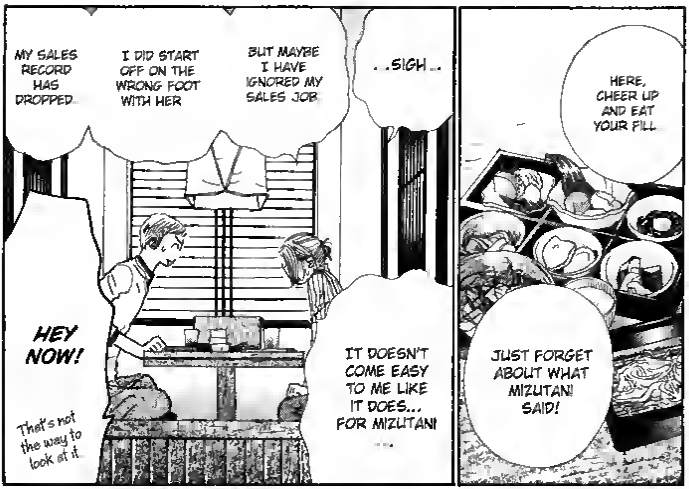
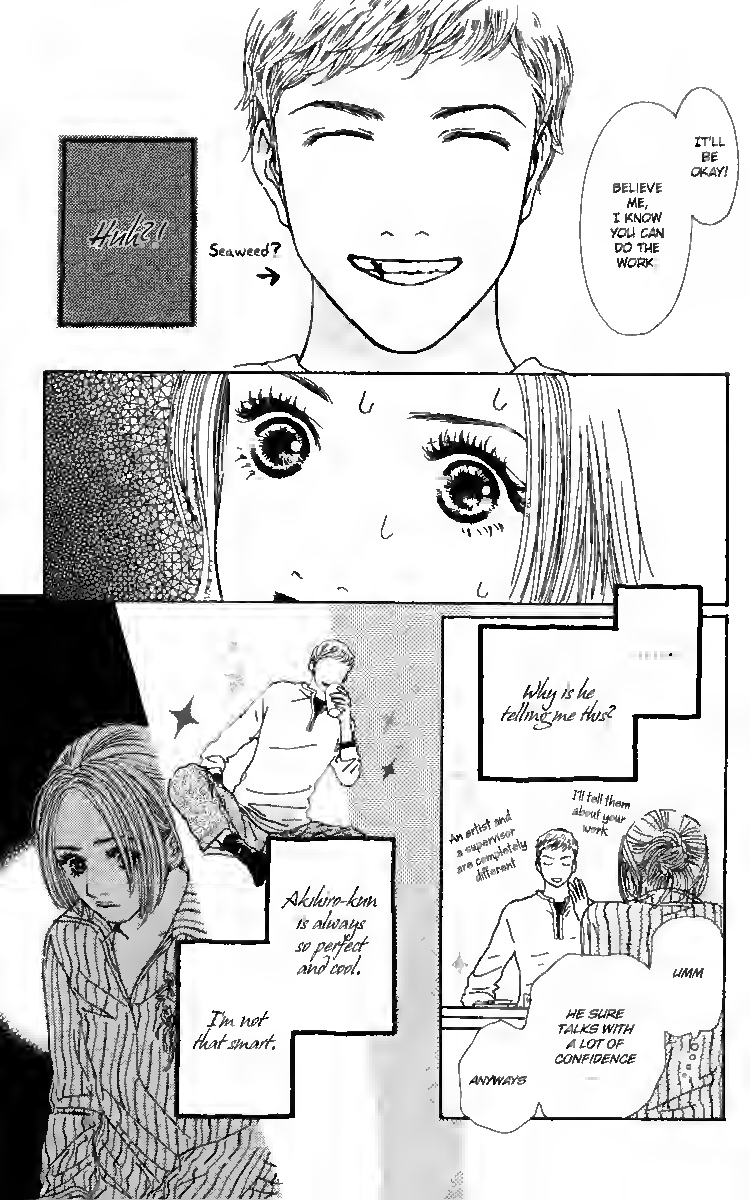
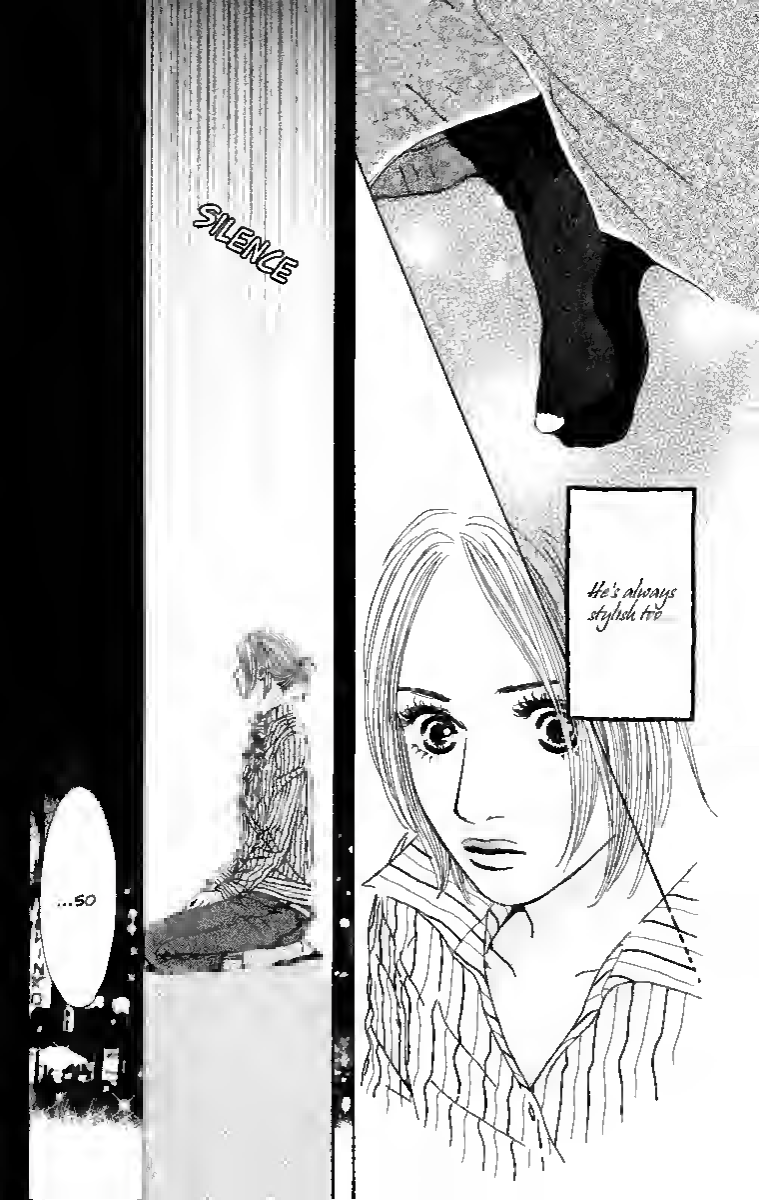

But I haven't clearly explained my relationship with Masaru.
....
I don't know what I should do.
Give him a chance now
Maybe I should just
Akiyama-kun is certainly a wonderful guy.


MY SALES RECORD HAS DROPPED
I DID START OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT WITH HER
BUT MAYBE I HAVE IGNORED MY SALES JOB
..SIGH..
HEY NOW!
That's not the way to look at it
IT DOESN'T COME EASY TO ME LIKE IT DOES... FOR MIZUTANI
...
HERE, CHEER UP AND EAT YOUR FILL
JUST FORGET ABOUT WHAT MIZUTANI SAID!


Hiroki!
Seaweed?
BELIEVE ME, I KNOW YOU CAN DO THE WORK
IT'LL BE OKAY!
Why is he telling me this?
An artist and a supervisor are completely different
I'll tell them about your work
UMM
HE SURE TALKS WITH A LOT OF CONFIDENCE
ANYWAYS
Akiduro-kun is always so perfect and cool.
I'm not that smart.


He's always stylish too
SILENCE
...so
I KNOW

IT'S BEEN ANOTHER LONG DAY TODAY... WE'VE GOT TIME TO BE TOGETHER.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING LATER?
WANT TO HAVE A DRINK?
SORRY. I HAVE AN EARLY START TOMORROW... HERE.
NO, IT'S ON ME.
HERE IS WHAT I OWE YOU
BUT I FEEL BAD THAT YOU ALWAYS PAY FOR ME
WELL THEN, GOOD NIGHT.
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AGAIN.

This might make me a terrible person.
I knew Akihiro-kun's showy job was amazing
but Akihiro-kun is a normal guy too.
He lives out an ordinary life of doing laundry and going to the bathroom like everyone else.
I've never thought about it till now.

I MADE HIM OUT TO BE PERFECT.
I DON'T THINK OF IT AS CHARMING AND HAPPY.
I can't picture myself taking that step into his life.
And above all
Ahh.
That shocked me.
WHO DOESN'T GET NEW SOCKS?
Masaru
I was in love too much...
It shocks me the most thinking about it like this...
I enjoyed helping him with things while living together...
Never dresses that sloppily.
In the beginning

#3 Conference Room
Artist Meeting
Kyaah! I saw an artist's suit in a photo
SNEAK
SNEAK
I SAW AN ARTIST WEARING THIS SUIT IN A PHOTO
I don't feel good about the next job with Akihara-kun.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT

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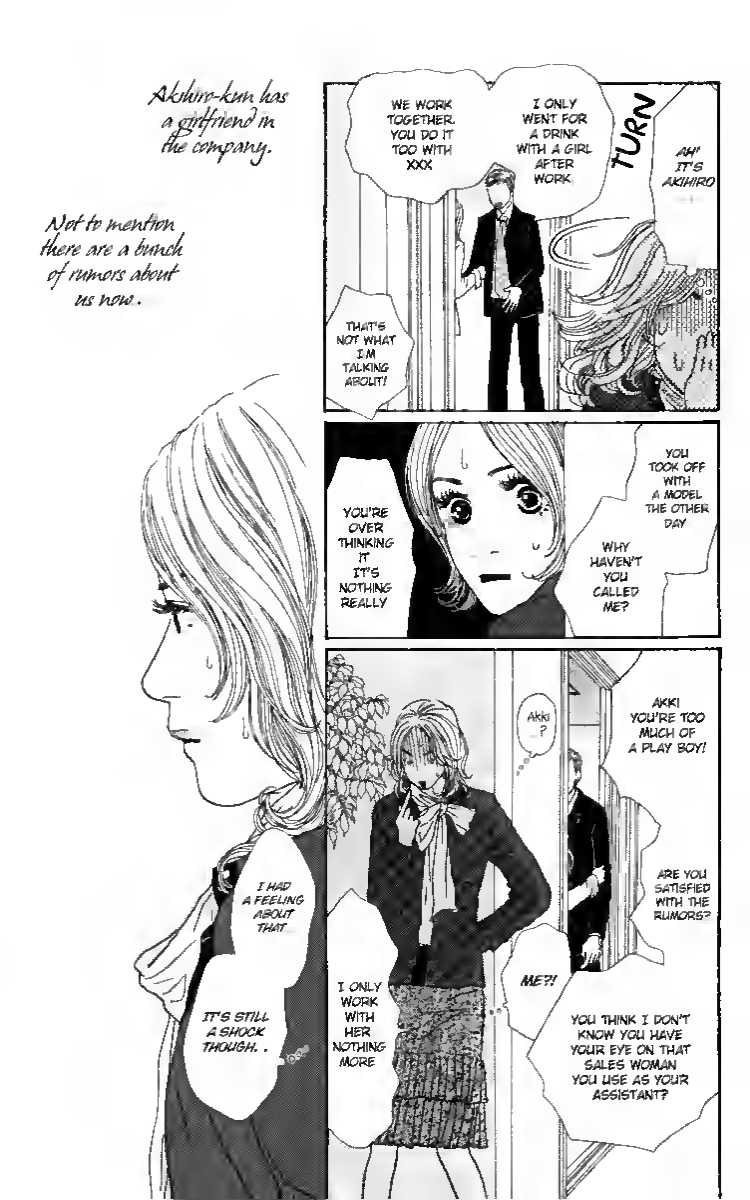
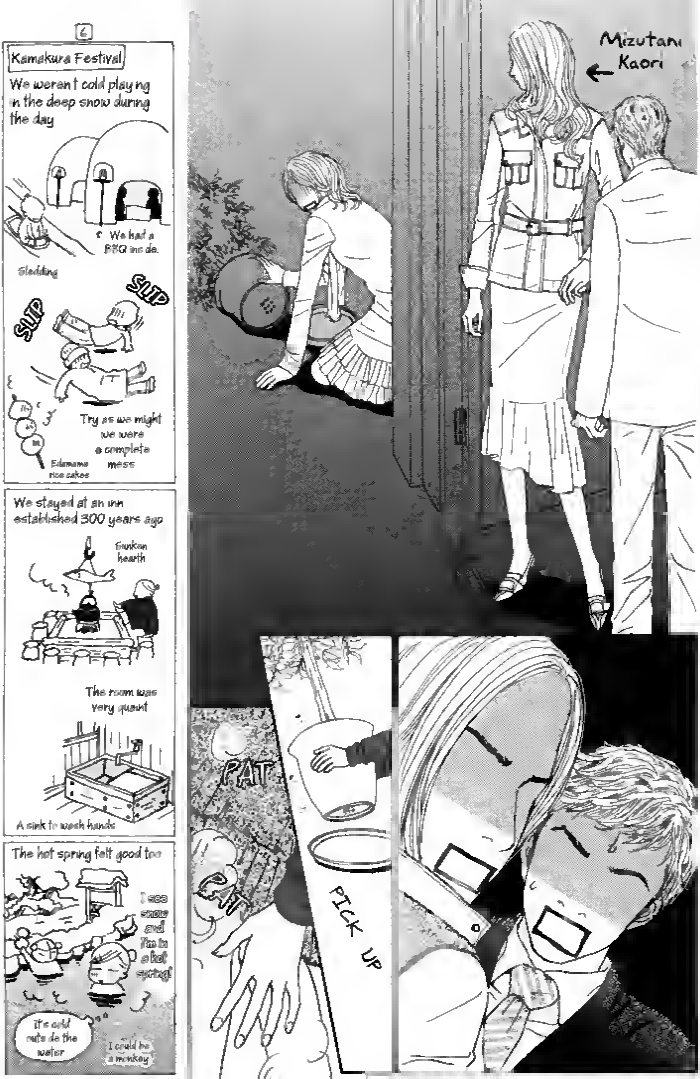

Akihiro-kun has a girlfriend in the company.
Not to mention there are a bunch of rumors about us now.
WE WORK TOGETHER. YOU DO IT TOO WITH XXX
I ONLY WENT FOR A DRINK WITH A GIRL AFTER WORK
TURN
AH! IT'S AKIHIRO
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!
YOU'RE OVER THINKING IT IT'S NOTHING REALLY
YOU TOOK OFF WITH A MODEL THE OTHER DAY
WHY HAVEN'T YOU CALLED ME?
AKKI YOU'RE TOO MUCH OF A PLAY BOY!
AKKI ?
ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE RUMORS?
ME?!
YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW YOU HAVE YOUR EYE ON THAT SALES WOMAN YOU USE AS YOUR ASSISTANT?
I ONLY WORK WITH HER NOTHING MORE
I HAD A FEELING ABOUT THAT
IT'S STILL A SHOCK THOUGH. .

Ah!
CRASH
AAHHH
REALLY
REALLY?
YOU'RE REALLY THE ONLY ONE FOR ME, KAORI
I GET IT. I CAME BACK TO YOUR PLACE, DIDN'T I?
DO YOU KNOW HOW LONELY I AM?!
AKKI, I WANT YOU TO ME NICE TO ME
YOU PROTECTED HER IN FRONT OF EVERYONE
GASP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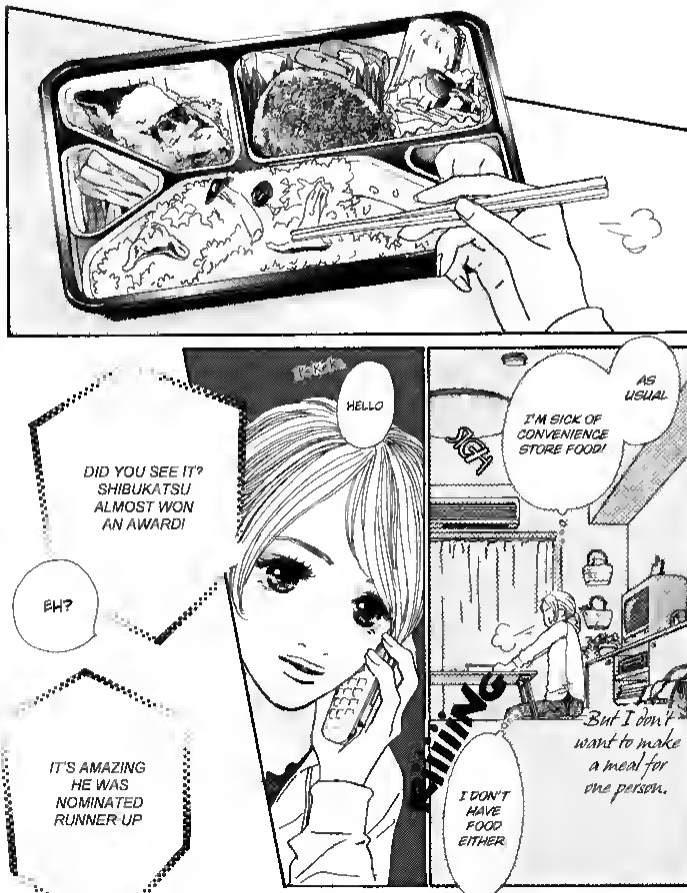
Kamakura Festival
We weren't cold playing in the deep snow during the day
We had a BBQ inside.
Sledding
SLIP
SLIP
Try as we might we were a complete mess
Edamame rice cakes
We stayed at an inn established 300 years ago
Irorikan hearth
The room was very quaint
A sink to wash hands
The hot spring felt good too
I was wiped out! I'm in a hot spring!
It's cold outside the water
I could be a monkey
Mizutani
Kaori
PAT
PICK UP

GRIP
I HAVE MIZUTANI'S WEAKNESS!
I'll be right there
Ah, sure.
AKIHIRO-SAN, THE MEETING IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.
PLEASE HURRY TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM
Someday
My picture will be on that.
Beauty Festival
RMC's national show
Make-up Artists
AKIHIRO
IS IT ALRIGHT IF I PARTICIPATE AS WELL?
I don't want to lose this chance.
The path to becoming a make-up artist has opened up for me.


AS USUAL
I'M SICK OF CONVENIENCE STORE FOOD!
SIGH
But I don't want to make a meal for one person.
I DON'T HAVE FOOD EITHER
RINGING
HELLO
DID YOU SEE IT? SHIBUKATSU ALMOST WON AN AWARD!
EH?
IT'S AMAZING HE WAS NOMINATED RUNNER UP

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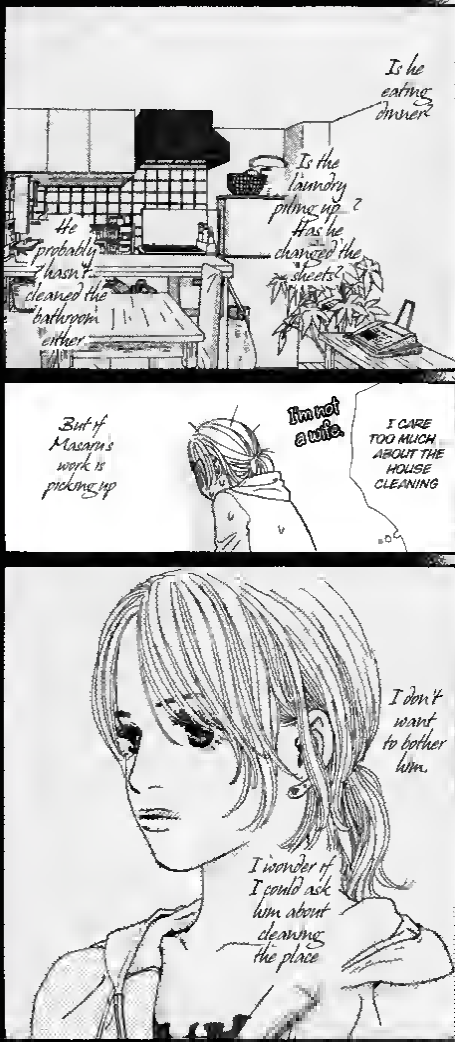
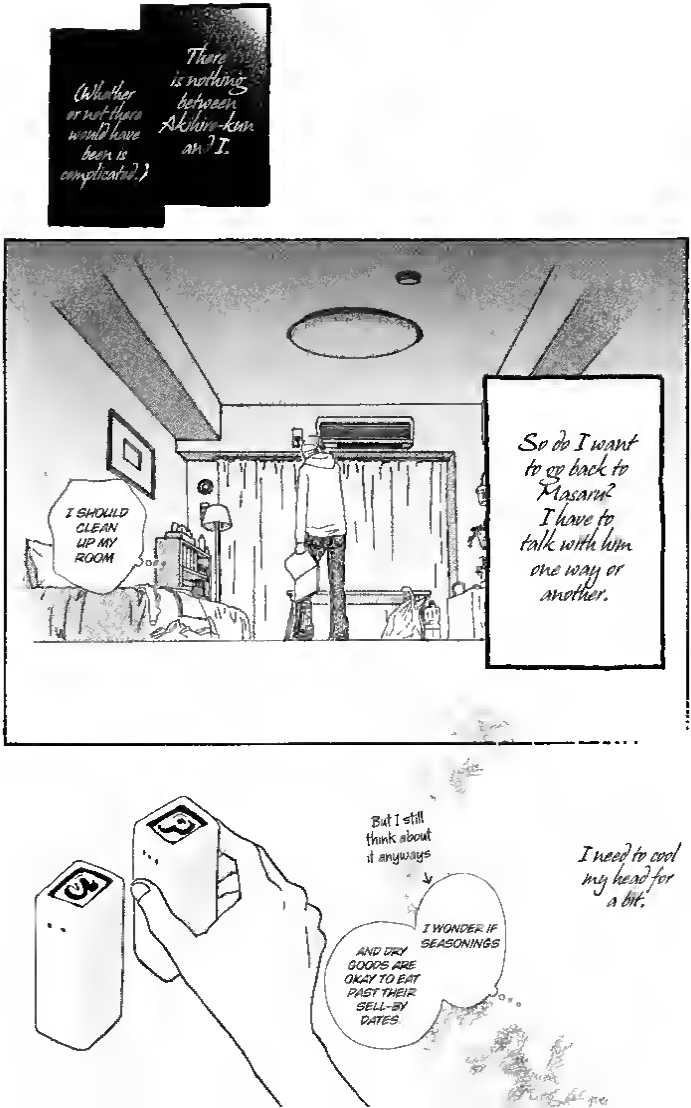
Honestly!!
HE DID IT AGAIN!
HE DIDN'T TELL ME HE WAS NOMINATED FOR ANYTHING!
THE NOVEL AWARD! MYSTERY'S BIGGEST AWARD! IT'S A HUGE AWARD.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT AM I TALKING ABOUT...?!
Seriously
DON'T YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?
He'll finally get to be the novelist he's always wanted to be.
I wonder if he'll get more jobs with this.
Runner-up or not, those are some big names there...
COMPLEX
MAYBE I SHOULD ACT LIKE I NEVER KNEW
SECOND PLACE WOULD IT BE WEIRD TO GO CONGRATULATE HIM?
IT'S TRUE
WHEN WAS THIS? HE WAS WRITING ALL OUT EARLIER.


Is he eating dinner
Is the laundry piling up...?
Has he changed the sheets?
He probably hasn't cleaned the bathroom either
I'm not a wife.
I CARE TOO MUCH ABOUT THE HOUSE CLEANING
But if Masaru's work is picking up
I don't want to bother him.
I wonder if I could ask him about cleaning the place
What is he doing right now?


There is nothing between Akihiro-kun and I.
(Whether or not there would have been is complicated.)
I SHOULD CLEAN UP MY ROOM
So do I want to go back to Masaru? I have to talk with him one way or another.
But I still think about it anyways
I WONDER IF SEASONINGS AND DRY GOODS ARE OKAY TO EAT PAST THEIR SELL-BY DATES
I need to cool my head for a bit.

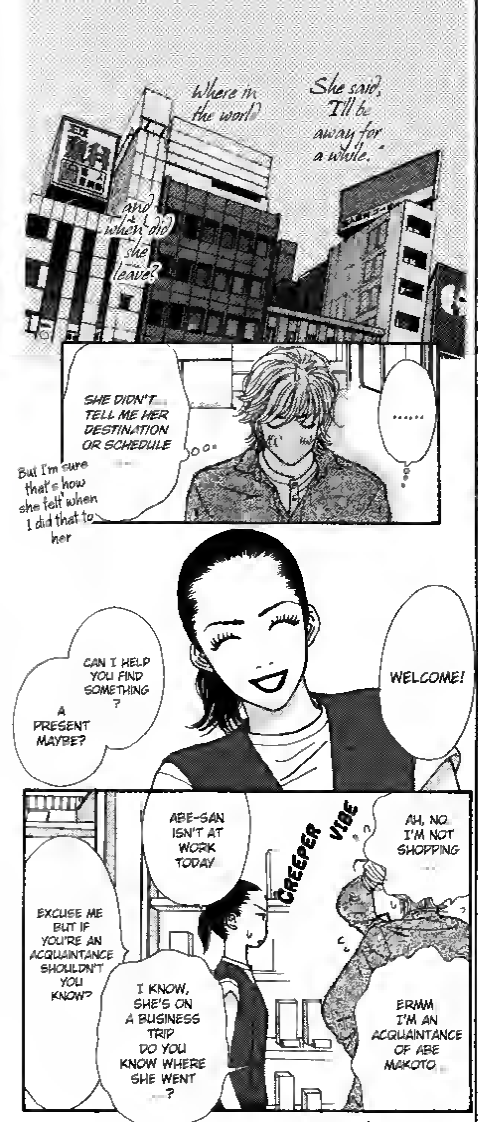
SHAKE
SHAKE
BUT I FOLLOWED THE BOOK
It seems wrong.
THAT'S ODD
MAKOTO WILL BE HERE SOON.
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID
I don't mind things.
I just follow the book

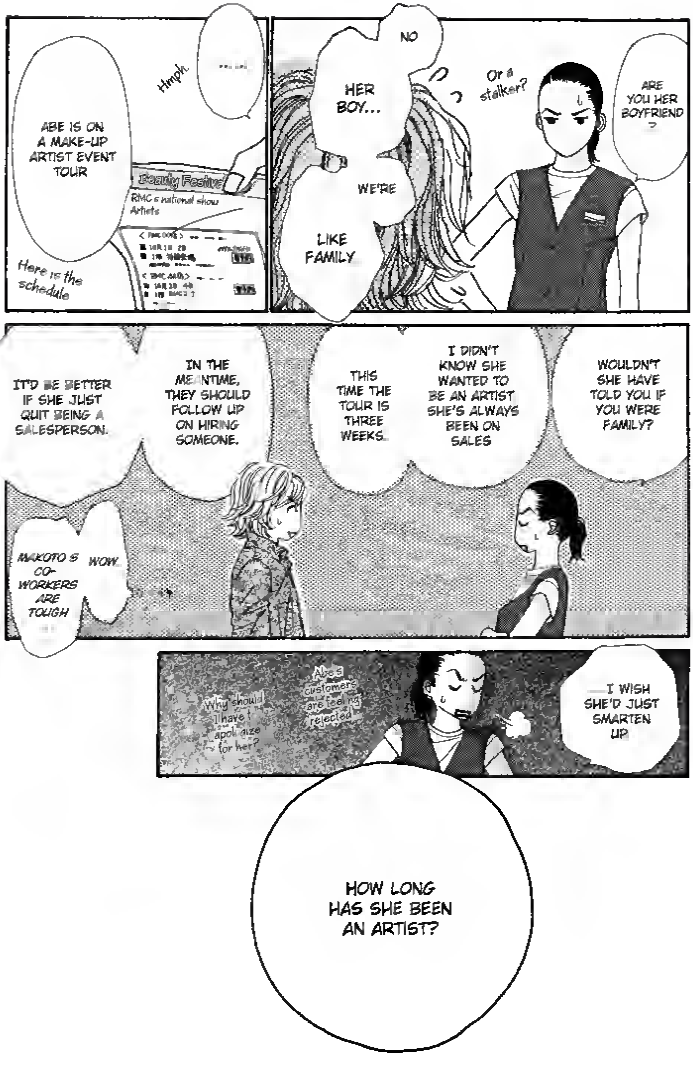
Thinks he's doing great repair relationship.
WAHAHA
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
Amazing!!
Ehhh?? You made this, Masaru?!
Should I buy flowers?
ERMM WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?
MAKOTO WILL BE HAPPY
He ignored the bathroom toilet though.
He put the clothes in the washing machine
I CLEANED UP THE PLACE TOO.
Done properly.
I CAN BUY THEM AT THE SUPER-MARKET
I DIDN'T BUY FLOWERS
Flowers
BEEP
You've got mail
MESSAGE
MAKOTO
I CAN'T COME TODAY I'LL BE AWAY FOR A WHILE FOR WORK MAKOTO
---END---
OH
IT'S A TEXT FROM MAKOTO

BUBBLE
BUBBLE
IT DOESN'T TASTE GOOD ANYWAYS
WELL, I CAN'T TELL HER I WAS COOKING...
.....
HOWEVER, THIS IS A REGRETTABLE ATTEMPT...
P.S.: CONGRATS ON BEING NOMINATED! SORRY YOU GOT SECOND PLACE, BUT IT'S STILL AMAZING!
K.O.
AND SHE COULDN'T TELL ME THIS BEFORE NOW...?
BEEP! You've got mail

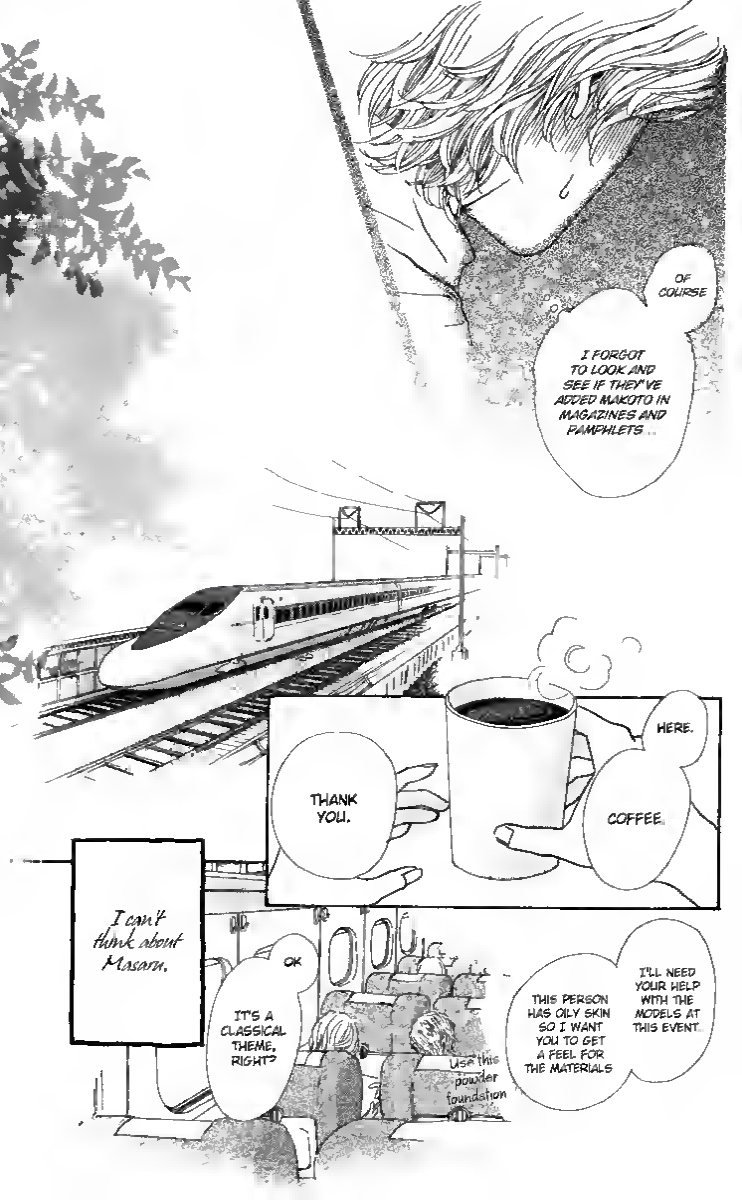
MUTTER
.....
AKIHIRO-SAN
HURRY!
WHAT'S WRONG?
AH, IT'S NOTHING
AH!
I FORGOT MY PHONE!
Phew! Made it!

LISTEN, MAKOTO-CHA, ABE-SAN
ABOUT MIZUTANI AND I. IT'S,...
SORT OF AN UNWANTED RELATIONSHIP
PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I RESPECT YOU AS A MAKE-UP ARTIST.
I TOO INTEND TO BE ONE SOMEDAY.
I INTEND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY CHANCE.
Well, she's a really jealous person.
Will we be working together this whole event four? She won't like that
Then should we stage a fight at the event?
But Mizutani is very cute.
Ehh? You've been dating someone since you were hired?


Where in the world
She said, "I'll be away for a while."
and when did she leave?
SHE DIDN'T TELL ME HER DESTINATION OR SCHEDULE
.....
But I'm sure that's how she felt when I did that to her
WELCOME!
CAN I HELP YOU FIND SOMETHING ?
A PRESENT MAYBE?
ABE-SAN ISN'T AT WORK TODAY
AH, NO. I'M NOT SHOPPING
CREEPER VIBE
EXCUSE ME BUT IF YOU'RE AN ACQUAINTANCE SHOULDN'T YOU KNOW?
I KNOW, SHE'S ON A BUSINESS TRIP DO YOU KNOW WHERE SHE WENT ?
ERMM I'M AN ACQUAINTANCE OF ABE MAKOTO
SHE ISN'T REPLYING TO MY TEXTS
I GET HER VOICEMAIL WHEN I CALL HER PHONE.
What's going on?


Here is the schedule
ABE IS ON A MAKE-UP ARTIST EVENT TOUR
Hmph
Family Festival
RMC's national show Artists
NO
HER BOY...
Or a stalker?
WE'RE
LIKE FAMILY
ARE YOU HER BOYFRIEND ?
IT'D BE BETTER IF SHE JUST QUIT BEING A SALESPERSON.
IN THE ME NTIME, THEY SHOULD FOLLOW UP ON HIRING SOMEONE.
THIS TIME THE TOUR IS THREE WEEKS.
I DIDN'T KNOW SHE WANTED TO BE AN ARTIST SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN ON SALES
WOULDN'T SHE HAVE TOLD YOU IF YOU WERE FAMILY?
MAKOTO'S CO-WORKERS ARE TOUGH
WOW.
Why should I have to apologize for her?
Abe's customers are terribly selected
I WISH SHE'D JUST SMARTEN UP
HOW LONG HAS SHE BEEN AN ARTIST?

SHE JOINED THE THREE WEEK TOUR EXCITED ENOUGH. SHE'LL BE WITH THEM IN THE HOTELS TOO.
THEY USE BUSINESS EXPENSES MORE FOR LOVE HOTELS AND PERSONAL AFFAIRS.
AH!
I'M OKAY!
AN ARTIST WAS LEFT OUT ON THAT PAMPHLET
KYAH! SIR!?


OF COURSE
I FORGOT TO LOOK AND SEE IF THEY'VE ADDED MAKOTO IN MAGAZINES AND PAMPHLETS...
HERE.
COFFEE.
THANK YOU.
I can't think about Masaru.
OK
IT'S A CLASSICAL THEME, RIGHT?
Use this powder foundation
THIS PERSON HAS OILY SKIN SO I WANT YOU TO GET A FEEL FOR THE MATERIALS
I'LL NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE MODELS AT THIS EVENT.

Oh...
But I kept thinking about
the taste of Masaru's coffee.

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JANGLE
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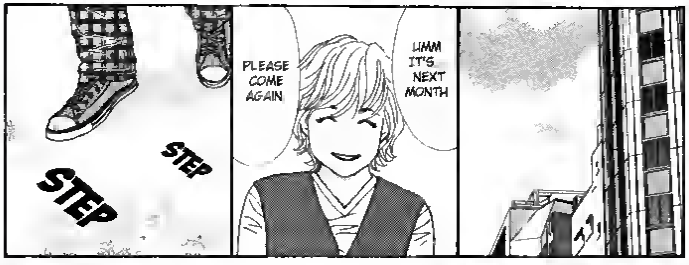
I'M SORRY. IT ENDED LAST WEEK.
IS THIS THE RMC EVENT?


STEP
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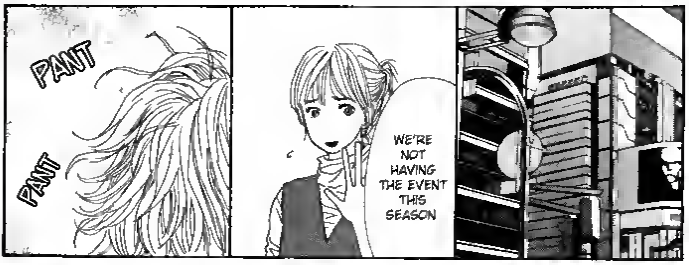
PLEASE COME AGAIN
UMM IT'S NEXT MONTH


PANT
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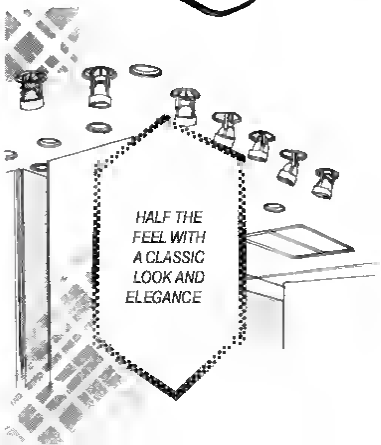
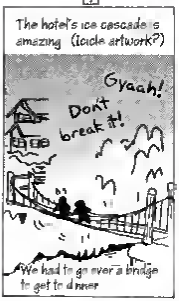
WE'RE NOT HAVING THE EVENT THIS SEASON

THIS IS THE SCHEDULE
ABE HAS JOINED THE MAKE-UP ARTIST EVENT TOUR.
RIP
RIP
RIP
WAS SHE LYING ?!
OOPS
OHH I GAVE HIM LAST YEAR'S PAMPHLET
He might be a stalker sir I went carelessly give him the schedule
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
RMC

EH?! THE O@#X STORE?!
That's 200km from here.
PLOP
I'LL GO
I'LL GO WHEREVER I HAVE TO
PLOP
WHERE IS TODAY'S
EXCUSE ME, I'D LIKE TO KNOW THE MAKE-UP EVENT SCHEDULE
PHHHNG
I SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS FROM THE START
PLOP
PLOP
PLOP
to reach Makoto.
AAAAH
FOR ALL TRAVELERS USING THE BULLET TRAIN

THE TRAIN IS RUNNING BEHIND SCHEDULE DUE TO HEAVY RAIN
WE RE SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE, BUT PLEASE WAIT A LITTLE LONGER
ZAAAH
NO MATTER WHAT ..!!
For money back...
Alternate buses this way
I'M GOING ..!!


HALF THE FEEL WITH A CLASSIC LOOK AND ELEGANCE



However as expected, old Japanese hotels are super freezing on winter nights
With two large heaters going we still couldn't feel them.
It's freeeezing.
Wearing our yukata underneath
Sweat pants
Tights
Well, it was all for the experience.
But it was hard being frozen.

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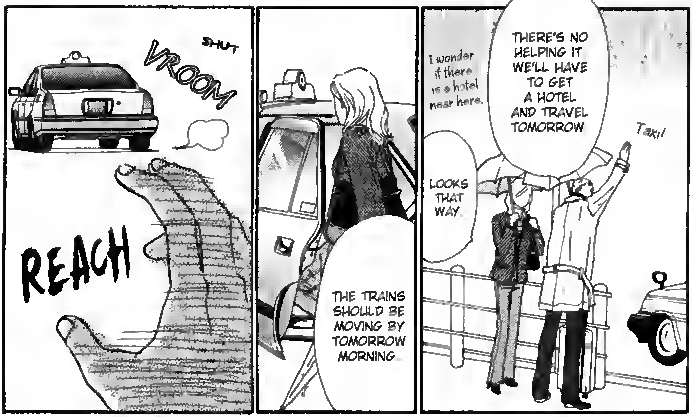
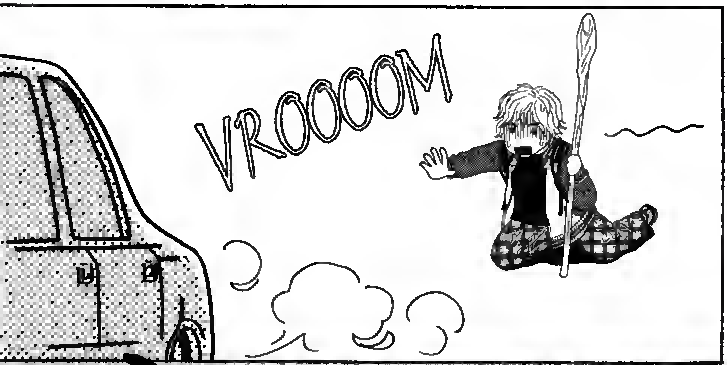
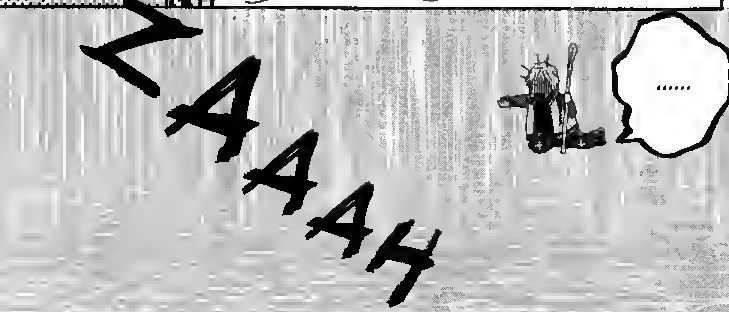
I'm happy that I'm steadily having noticed for my work.
It makes me super happy.
I WANT TO LOOK LIKE THAT MODEL PLEASE!!
OH.
OKAY.
They'll always be there.
I can't fill in the little cracks in my heart with just that.
EHH?!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TRAVEL TONIGHT FOR TOMORROW'S EVENT...
The trains aren't moving.
KYAH!
IT'S POURING !!
ZAAAH
Good work
LOOKS LIKE THE TRAINS HAVE STOPPED


SHUT
VROOM
REACH
THE TRAINS SHOULD BE MOVING BY TOMORROW MORNING
I wonder if there is a hotel near here.
THERE'S NO HELPING IT WE'LL HAVE TO GET A HOTEL AND TRAVEL TOMORROW
Taxi
LOOKS THAT WAY


VROOOOM


ZAAAH
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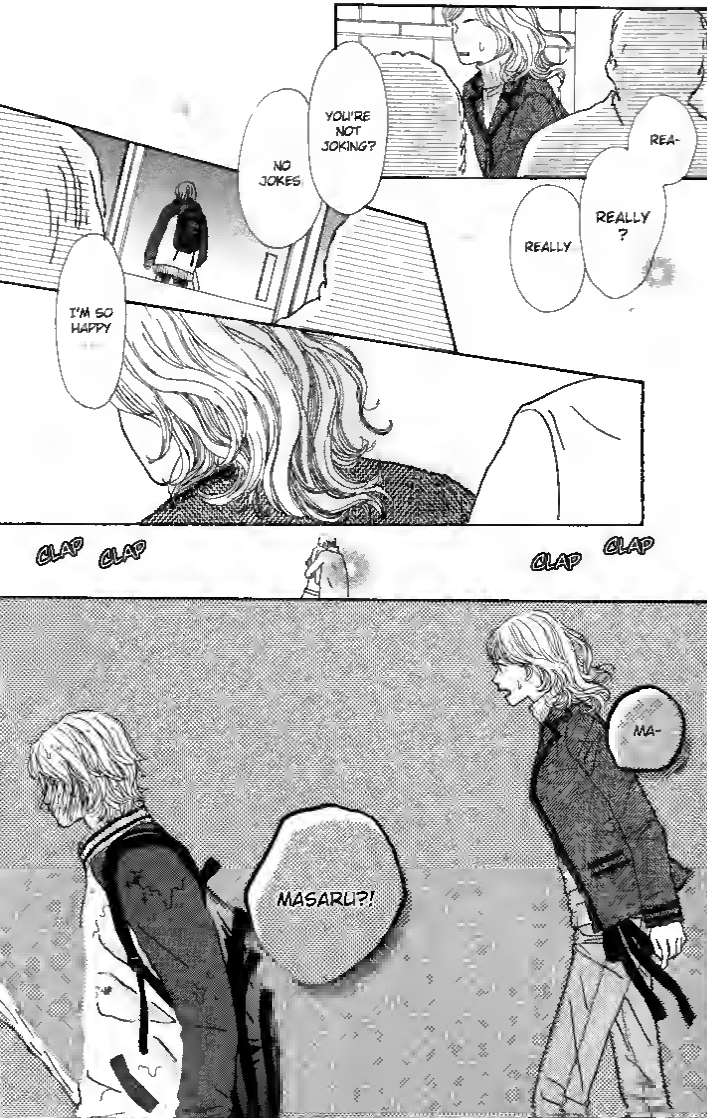
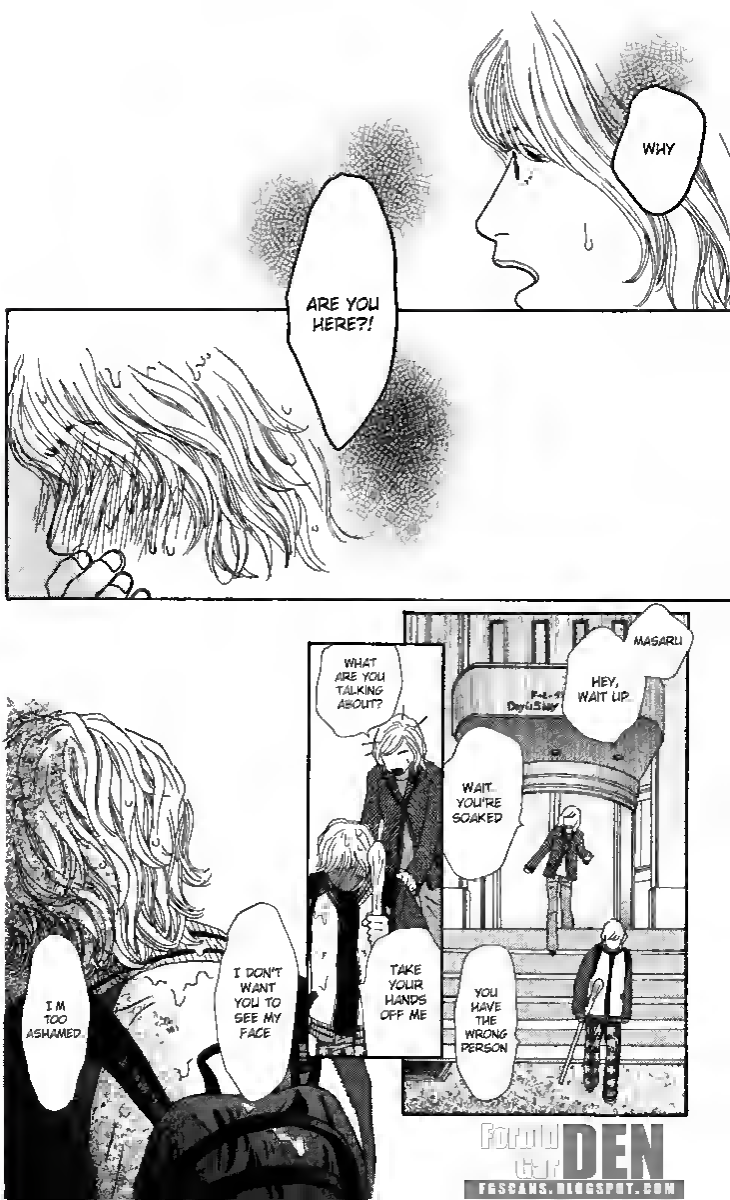
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY. DUE TO WEATHER SITUATION WE'RE FULL UP
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
ERMM.
YOU STAY HERE, AKIHIRO -SAN. I'LL GO FIND ANOTHER HOTEL
NO, THAT'S NOT RIGHT
I THINK ALL THE HOTELS AROUND HERE WILL HAVE THE SAME ISSUE
.....
IT CAN'T BE HELPED WE'LL TAKE THE DOUBLE THEN..
It's nothing It's nothing
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!

I KNEW IT!!
I THOUGHT YOU'D TRY IT!
I CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU FOR EVEN A SECOND WITHOUT MORE RUMORS CROPPING UP!
K-KAORI
I CAUGHT YOU RED-HANDED!
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!
KAORI!
KAORI... WHY ARE YOU HERE?
AKI, YOU IDIOT!!

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU, I CAN'T TRUST YOU.
I WANT TO BREAK UP, I WANT TO...
KAORI!!
JERK! YOU SAID THAT I WAS THE ONLY ONE FOR YOU!!
BUT IT'S TRUE
KAORI, CALM DOWN.
CALM DOWN.
I DIDN'T INTEND TO DO ANYTHING WITH HER

Oooo4
HHH
AK!
LIKE I SAID
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I LOVE
I THINK ABOUT YOU ALL THE TIME. IF YOU'RE THAT UNEASY,
LET'S GET MARRIED.


REA-
REALLY ?
REALLY
YOU'RE NOT JOKING?
NO JOKES
I'M SO HAPPY
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
MA-
MASARU?!



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I- I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPEN...
HANG ON AND WAIT THERE.
DON'T MOVE!
AKIHIRO-SAN! LET'S MEET UP TOMORROW AT THE EVENT.
EH? WHAT WILL YOU DO?
I'LL BE OKAY
YOU TWO CAN USE THE ROOM.
Oh my
SPLASH

MASARU ?!
MA-
MASARU.
WAIT!
I SAID WAIT!
WOOOO
SHHHH
MASARU, YOU'RE SOAKED THROUGH. YOU'LL CATCH A COLD!
IT'S OKAY, I'LL BE FINE.
NO, I DIDN'T GET THAT FAR..
LET'S GET INSIDE SOMEWHERE. DO YOU HAVE A PLACE TO STAY?
IT'S COLD ...
PLINK!

UM, I'LL FIND A HOTEL ON MY PHONE...
AH.
EH?
THAT'S RIGHT. I DON'T HAVE MY PHONE.
I FORGOT IT AT HOME.
.....
So that's why you didn't pick up.
He owes a lot of us.
EH?
MY UNCLE WILL KNOW WHERE THE NEAREST HOTEL IS.
I'LL ASK HIM.
Oh.
Hello.
I liked the color of Masaru's hair.
What a strange time to think of now.
WE'VE GOT A ROOM.
LET'S GO THEN.

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The next day, we went out to play again at the Kamakura Festival

Again! Again!

She wasn't satisfied no matter how many times we slid it
My daughter is a sledding maniac.
(And we just deal with it.)

The bus back to the train station took an hour on the snowy mountain roads

It was ridiculously crowded too.

There were no designated seats, but I felt bad for the people standing

People were miserable as it shook.

(I don't feel sick)

I don't feel good.

My daughter got really motion sick.

Ohh?

I was glad to get off the bus...

Barf bag

Please don't throw up

She fell asleep after throwing up and didn't have any problems after that. The mood wasn't any better for her travel mates though.

NO, NOT MUCH

YOU STAYED HERE FOR AN INTERVIEW ...?

Once in a while.

You're familiar with this place?

IT'S FINE DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE COST

AND ISN'T THIS HOTEL EXPENSIVE ...?

Well, excuse me

SORRY FOR TAKING US IN LAST MINUTE

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Mnmm! Delicious!

WE DON'T GET TO EAT THIS KIND OF STUFF AT HOME HUH?

HAVING A MEAL SET BEFORE YOU IS WONDERFUL!
I DON'T NORMALLY DO THIS...
AH, WELL, I...
chwckit
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE TYPE TO ALWAYS KEEP THE HOUSE IN TIP TOP SHAPE...
EH? IS THAT SO?
I DON'T COOK OR CLEAN MUCH BY MYSELF EITHER.
hehheh
Ehhh?!
That's the first I heard of it
And it smelled bad.
If you'd have come to my dorm it was a terrible mess
Absolutely not

Masaru came looking for me...?

(There's no way he just happened to have an interview here.)

Emm.

I can't put my finger on it.

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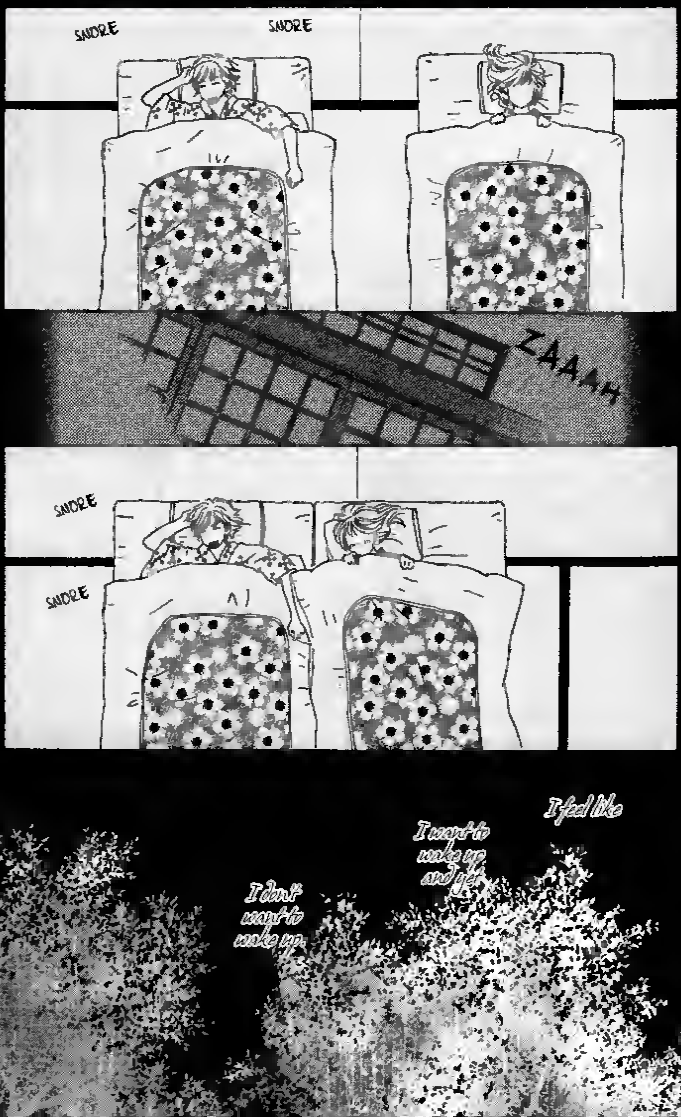
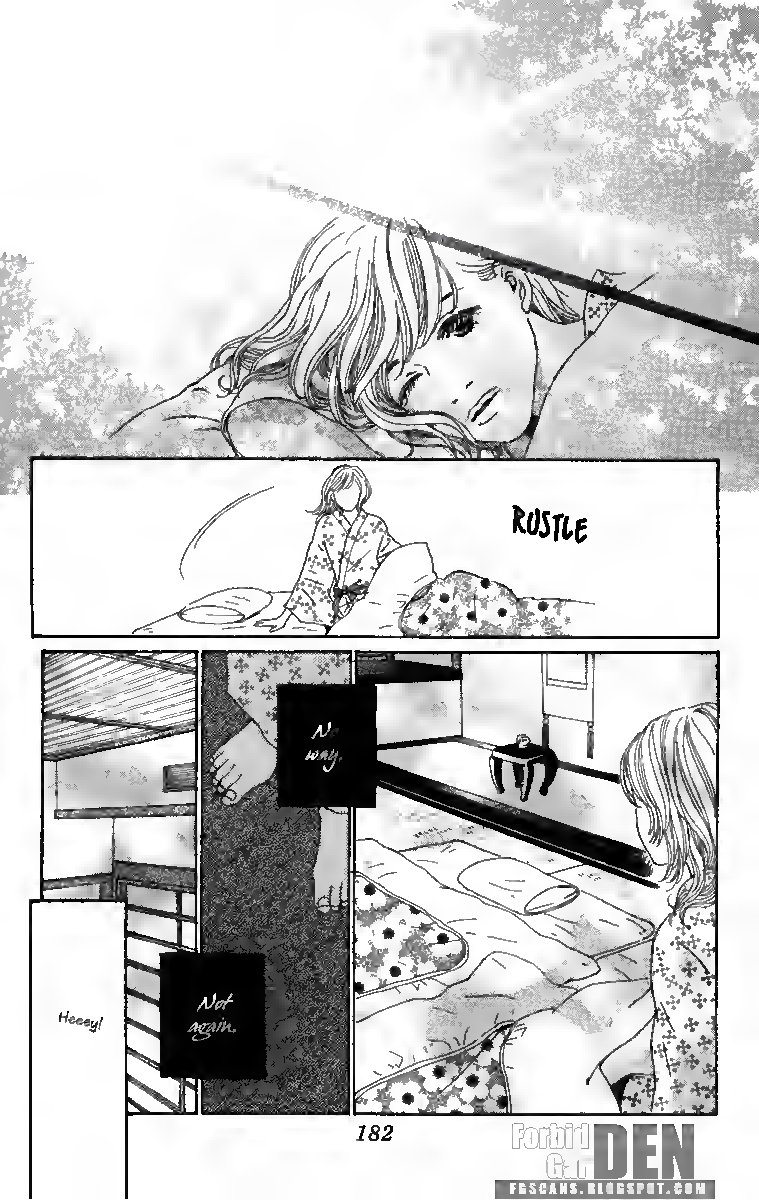

SANDRE
SANDRE
ZAAAH
SANDRE
SANDRE
I don't want to wake up.
I want to wake up and get
I feel like



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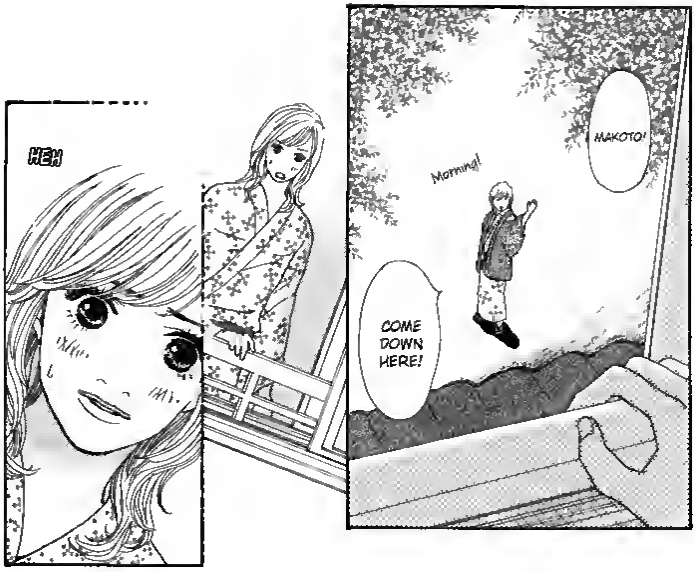
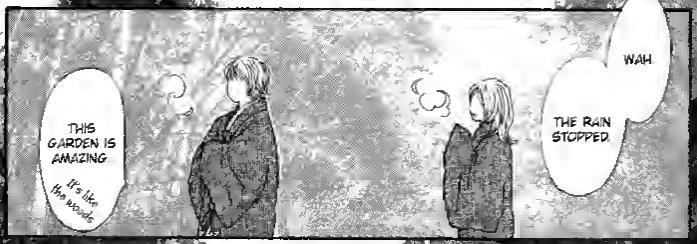
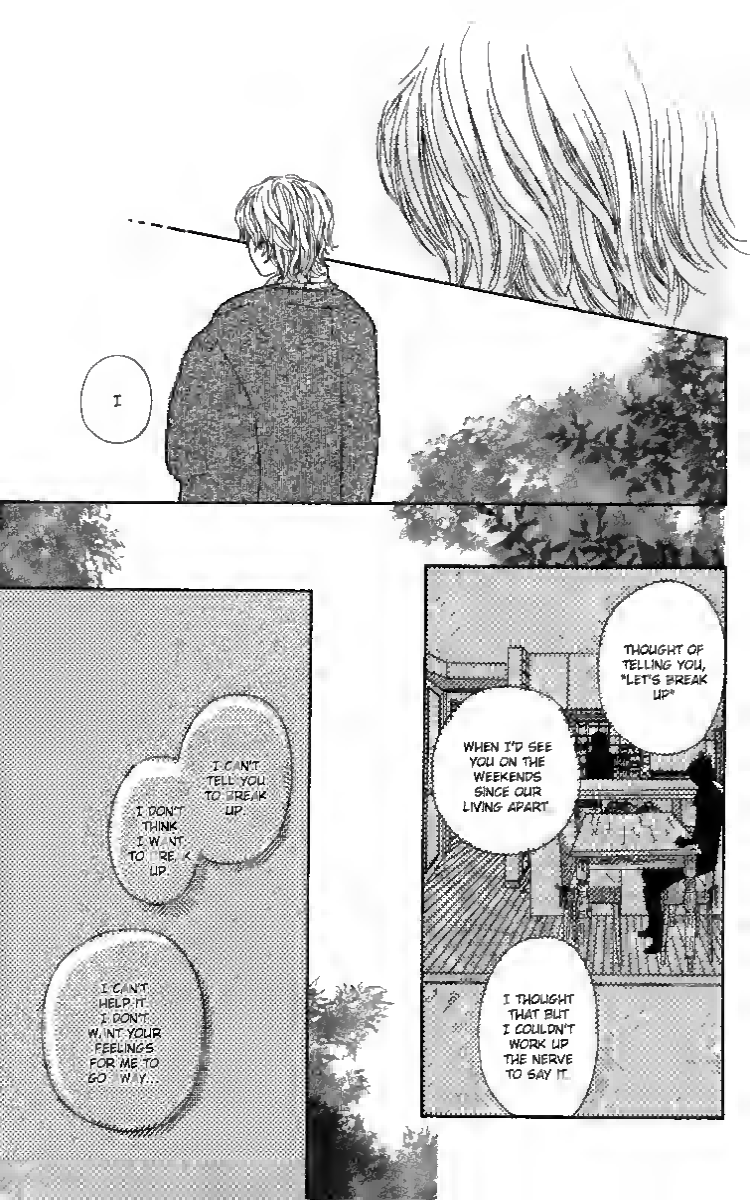

HEH
MAKOTO!
Morning!
COME DOWN HERE!


THIS GARDEN IS AMAZING
It's like Hina would.
WAH
THE RAIN STOPPED.

THAT DOES SOUND NICE... THIS IS OVER-WHELMING
I CAN'T CALM DOWN.
YEAH.
..IF WE GO BACK TO OUR ROOM WE CAN FOLD UP THE FUTONS AND HAVE A MEAL.
I'M SORRY
AND THANKS
TILL NOW YOU ALWAYS SEEMED USED TO THAT KIND OF STUFF
WELL
I SEE
BUT, IT'S MY FIRST TIME AT A PLACE LIKE THIS.
YOU ARE SO POOR.


I
I CAN'T TELL YOU TO BREAK UP
I DON'T THINK I WANT TO BREAK UP
I CAN'T HELP IT. I DON'T WANT YOUR FEELINGS FOR ME TO GO AWAY...
I THOUGHT THAT BUT I COULDN'T WORK UP THE NERVE TO SAY IT.
WHEN I'D SEE YOU ON THE WEEKENDS SINCE OUR LIVING APART
THOUGHT OF TELLING YOU, "LET'S BREAK UP"

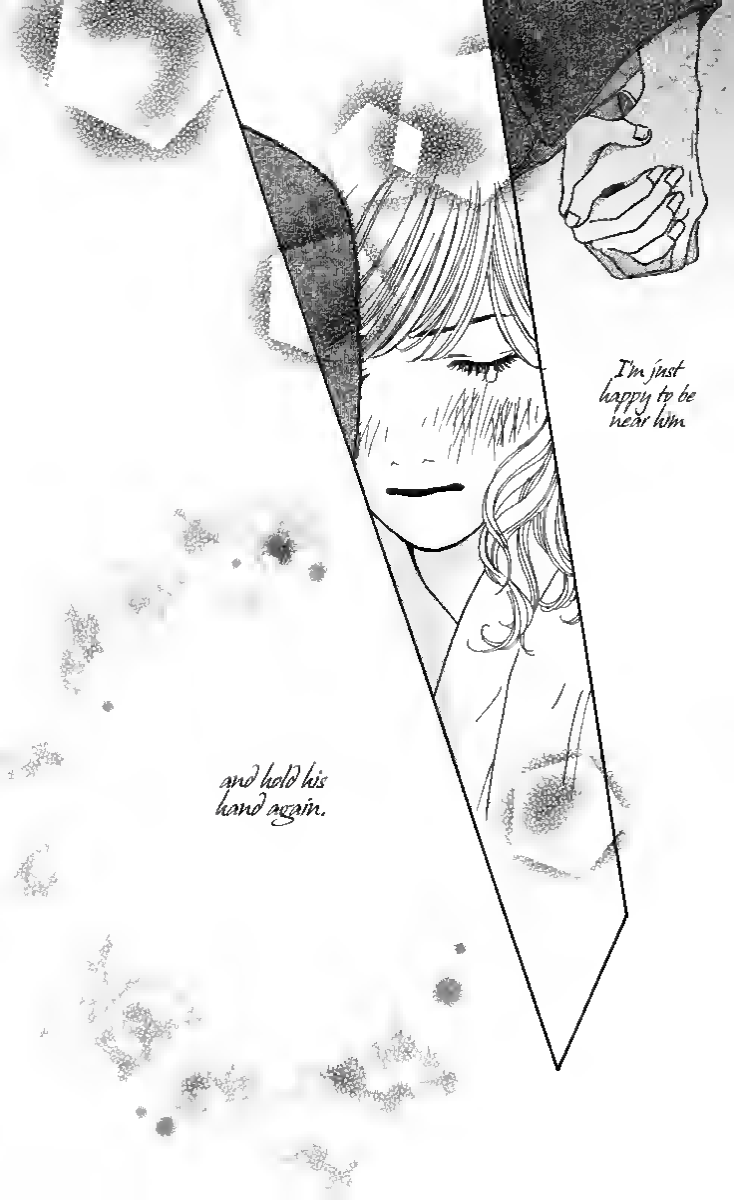
SO I DON'T THINK I SHOULD WAIT ANY LONGER.
I THINK ABOUT YOU ALL THE TIME. I JUST CAN'T LET YOU GO.
IT'S LONELY
GOING BACK TO THAT LARGE ROOM
BY MYSELF

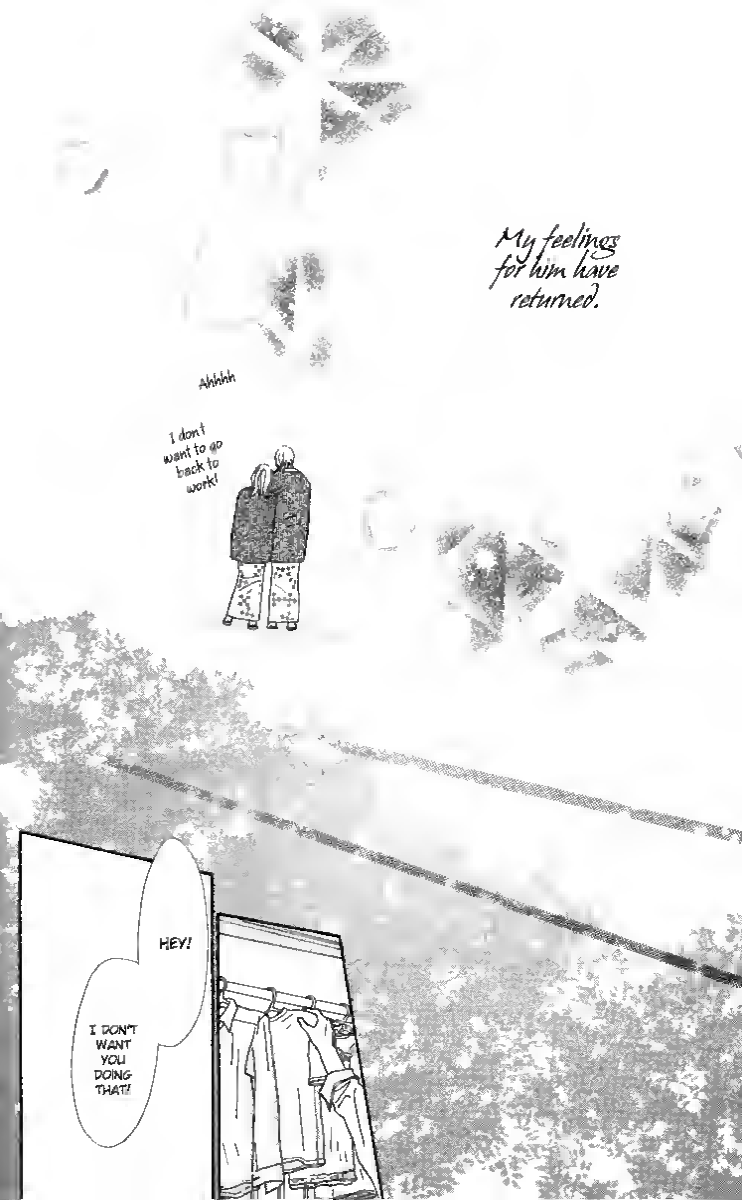
I'M SORRY...
I thought those same things
.....
I'M SORRY
WELL, YOU CAN'T HELP... HOW YOU FEEL.
I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO BREAK UP WITH YOU EITHER.
I DON'T THINK LIKE THAT ANYMORE MY FEELINGS FOR YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED
THUMP
What should I do?
THUMP
THUMP

I didn't think about Masaru's feelings.
I thought I could always just go at my own pace with Masaru.
All the anxiety, meddling and letting the little things irritate me
I never noticed till now
that I was dragging out the emotional rollercoaster with Masaru.
ARGH
These emotions
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK AT IT LIKE IT'S A PROBLEM.
I WANT TO TAKE THINGS LITTLE AT A TIME.
O-Okay
I really didn't notice it

You're not used to wooden shoes.
BE CAREFUL.
TRIP
WAH!
HERE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
AH, I'M GOOD JUST LEAVE ME BE.
HERE.

I'm
so happy.


I'm just happy to be near him
and hold his hand again.


My feelings for him have returned.
Ahhhh
I don't want to go back to work!
HEY!
I DON'T WANT YOU DOING THAT!

It seems she met him at a video store.
He's aiming to be a baker.
I like house chores.
PWAP
But my panties are in there!
Whatever
Her boyfriend is living at her little place
Keiko's young boyfriend is living with her.
I can help out with this
EH?
IT'S OKAY I GOT IT

What do you want to eat today?
She truly is the biggest dreamer
I'LL WORK REAL HARD TO SAVE UP THE MONEY FOR IT.
I'LL LIVE NEXT TO IT TOO.
SOMEDAY I'LL OPEN THE STORE OF MY DREAMS.
She's living a pipe dream again.

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Noriko had a baby girl.
GOOGOO
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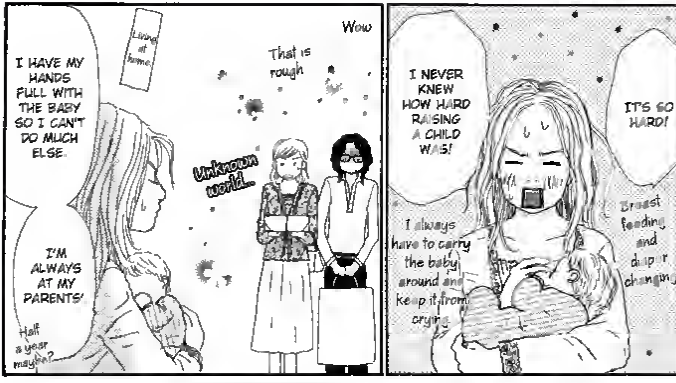
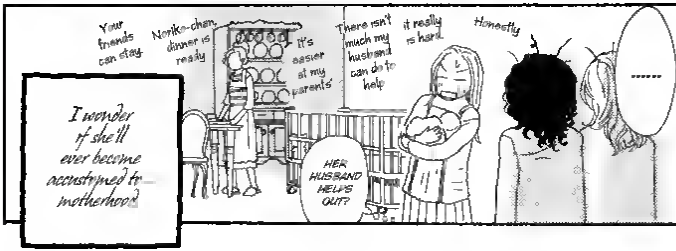

I HAVE MY HANDS FULL WITH THE BABY SO I CAN'T DO MUCH ELSE.
Living at home.
Wow
That is rough
Unknown world...
I'M ALWAYS AT MY PARENTS'
Half a year maybe?
I NEVER KNEW HOW HARD RAISING A CHILD WAS!
IT'S SO HARD!
Breast feeding and diaper changing
I always have to carry the baby around and keep it from crying


I wonder if she'll ever become accustomed to motherhood
Your friends can stay
Nonka-chan, dinner is ready
It's easier at my parents
There isn't much my husband can do to help
it really is hard
Honestly
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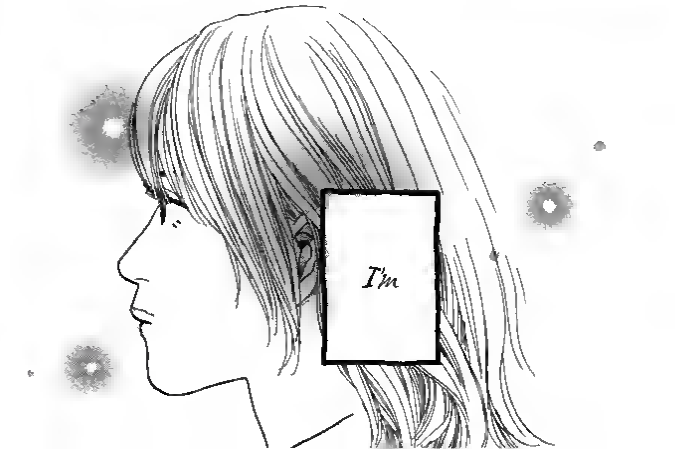
HER HUSBAND HELPS OUT?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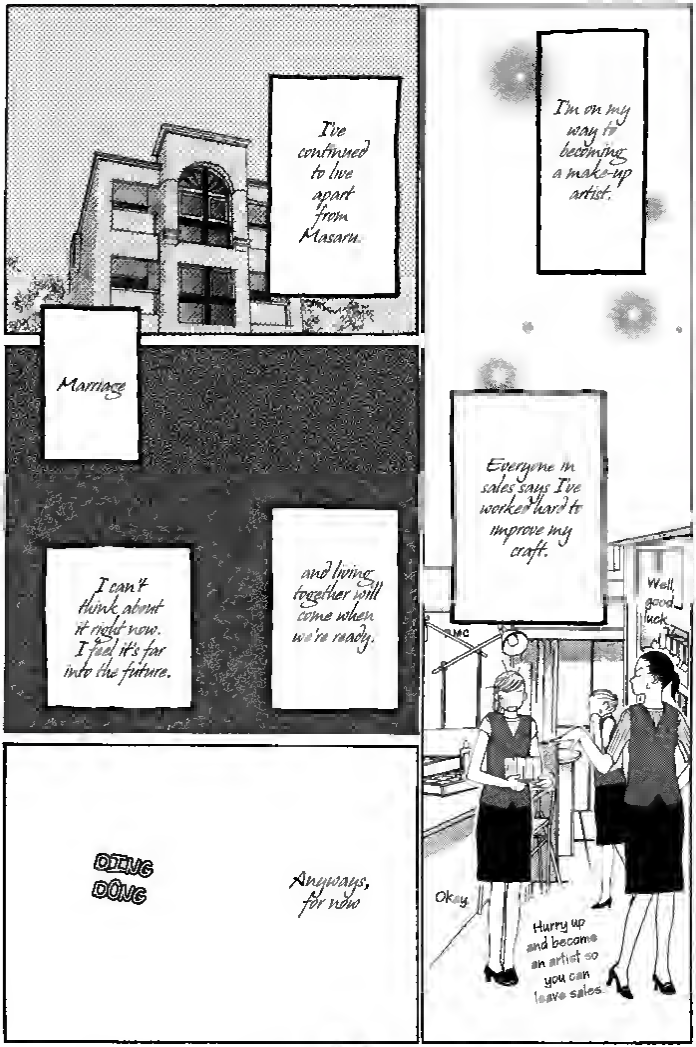
I've continued to live apart from Masaru.
Marriage
I can't think about it right now. I feel it's far into the future.
and living together will come when we're ready.
DOING DOING
Anyways, for now
I'm on my way to becoming a make-up artist.
Everyone in sales says I've worked hard to improve my craft.
Well, good luck.
Okay.
Hurry up and become an artist so you can leave sales.

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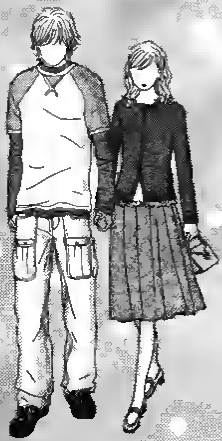
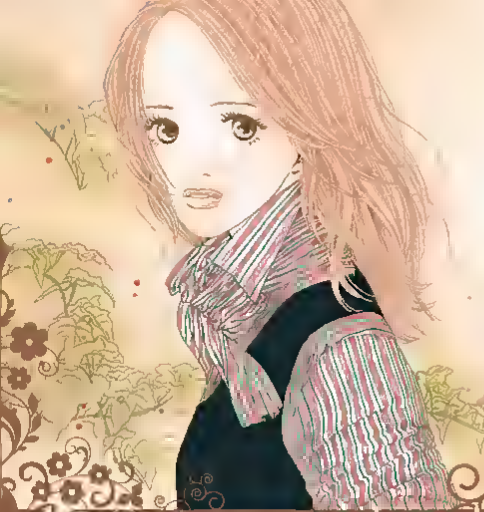
I go to Masaru's place on the weekends.
Masaru brews the coffee.
You put garlic in it too? So that's it
Ah
I cook dinner.
Then we clean up together.
I don't understand how we were.
(Even after all that we still fight over various stuff.)

Now,
I have those
feelings of
excitement while
waiting for



our weekend
together.



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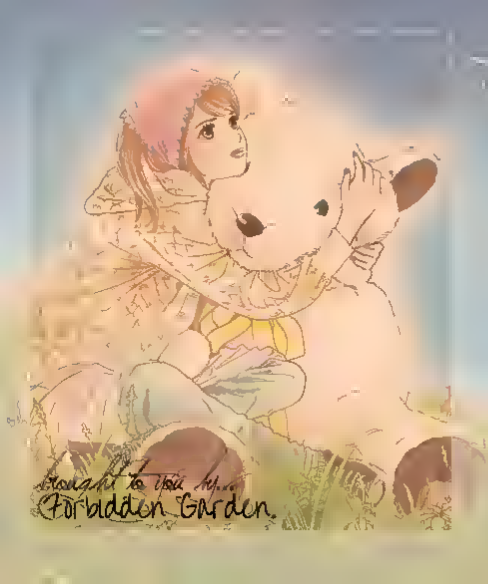

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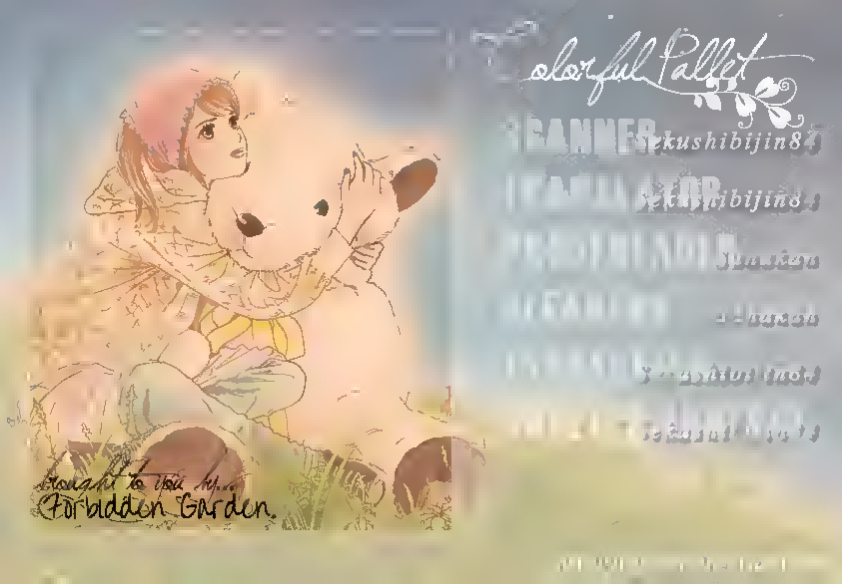
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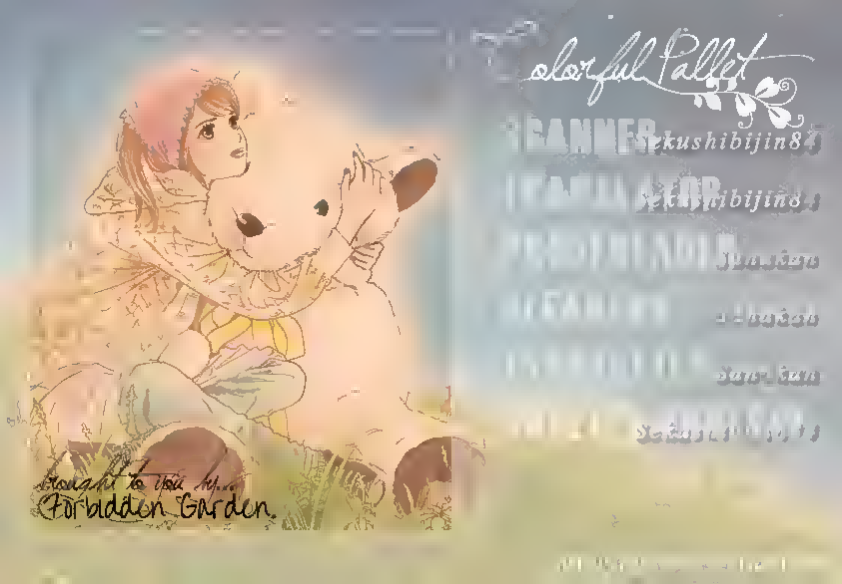
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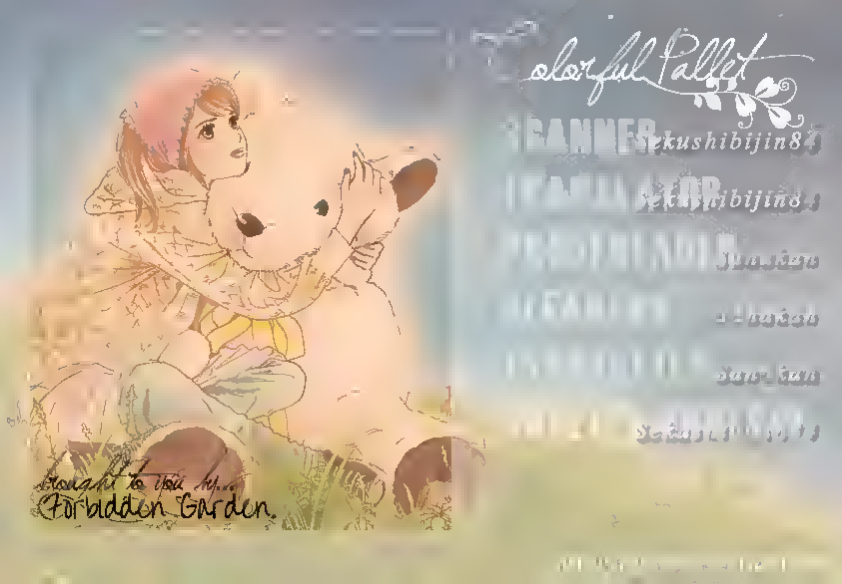
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~Extra~

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I was always fighting.
I couldn't lose to boys in school. I was competitive with sports and studying.
I never showed my weaknesses to men, even while dating them.
I'm employed at a company now and I still see the lot of them as rivals.
HIROSE -KUN
WANT TO TRY THE IKEA KINDERGARTEN RECONSTRUCTION JOB?

YOU'VE BEEN AT THE MEETINGS WITH LIS MANY TIMES. YOU CAN GET A WORK PARTNER TOO, OKAY?
I'M PRETTY BUSY OVER HERE
I'LL LOOK OVER IT OF COURSE
ME?!
BY MYSELF ?!
YES!
I'LL DO IT!

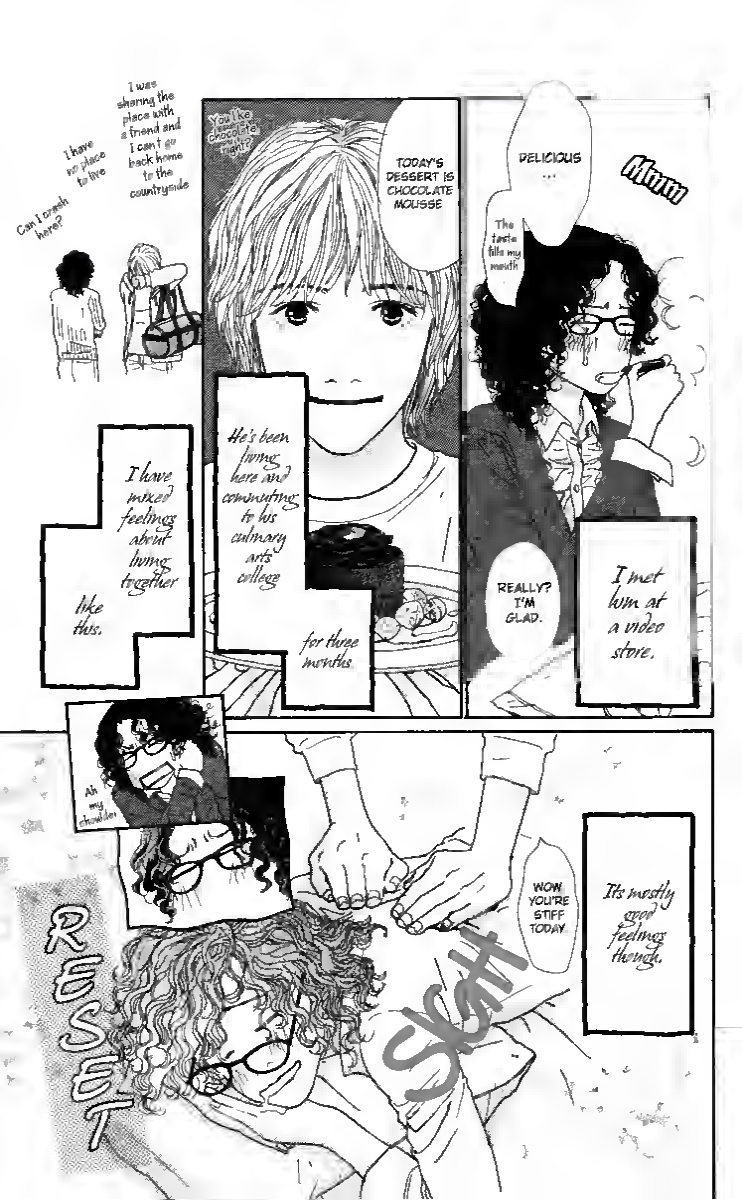
IT'S MY JOB!
PLEASE DO THE LAYOUT FOR ME!
BUT THE LOCATION JOB IS REALLY HARD!
YOU HAVE THE MIYAKO LOCATION JOB RIGHT?
I'VE BEEN WITH IT FROM THE BEGINNING
IT'LL BE DONE BY NEXT WEEK! I'LL EVEN PULL AN ALL-NIGHTER!
BOSS! PLEASE LET ME WORK ON IT TOO.
PLEASE LET ME ...

ALRIGHT!
HIROSE-KUN, GIVE HIM THE DOCUMENTS.
EHHH?!
If they do a good job I'll look better for it
IT'S A GIFT FOR THE TWO OF YOU.
OKAY
.....

That jerk!
MY FIRST JOB!!
.....
HAND THEM OVER!
HIROSE-KUN...
... ..
HIROSE HAND ME THE DOCUMENTS
I'LL COPY THEM AND GIVE THEM RIGHT BACK
OH MY, HIROSE-SAN IS EATING A BOXED LUNCH
IS MONEY TIGHT?
Are you saving for a condo deposit?
NO THAT'S NOT IT
Pfft?
SORRY, BUT COULD YOU MAKE THE AFTERNOON TEA?
WE'RE GOING OUT TO EAT, BUT WE MIGHT BE COMING BACK LATE
Argh
Now I'm all irritated.
See you.
IT'S YOUR TURN!
*Tea making goes by rotation.
ERM THEN HIROSE-KUN
HUH? KIYOHARA-KUN GO HOME?

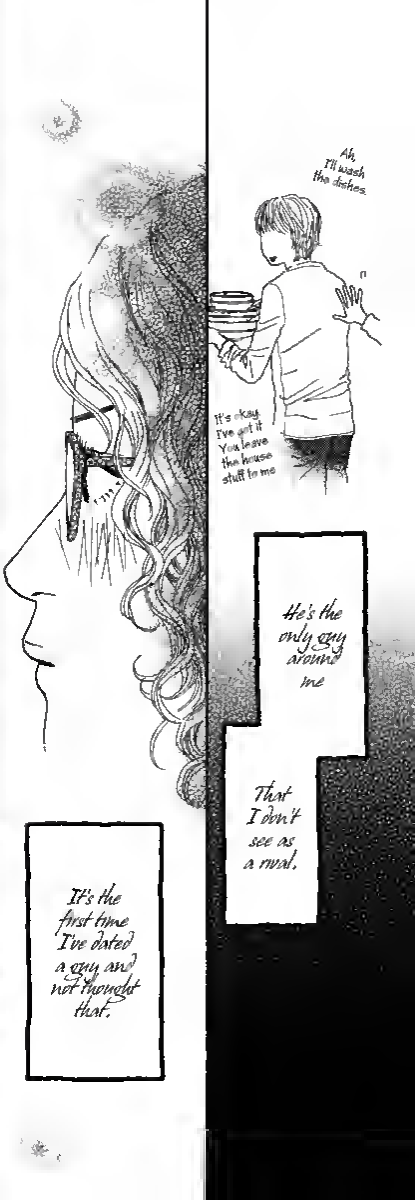
SORRY, BUT COULD YOU ORGANIZE THIS DATA FOR TOMORROW.
EH?!
YOU CAN WORK OVERTIME, BUT THERE'S NO OVERTIME PAY.
I'LL TAKE IT HOME ...
Jerk
Day in and day out
GASP
NOT AGAIN!
GRAB
Sigh
OMP
I'm fighting,
GYAH!

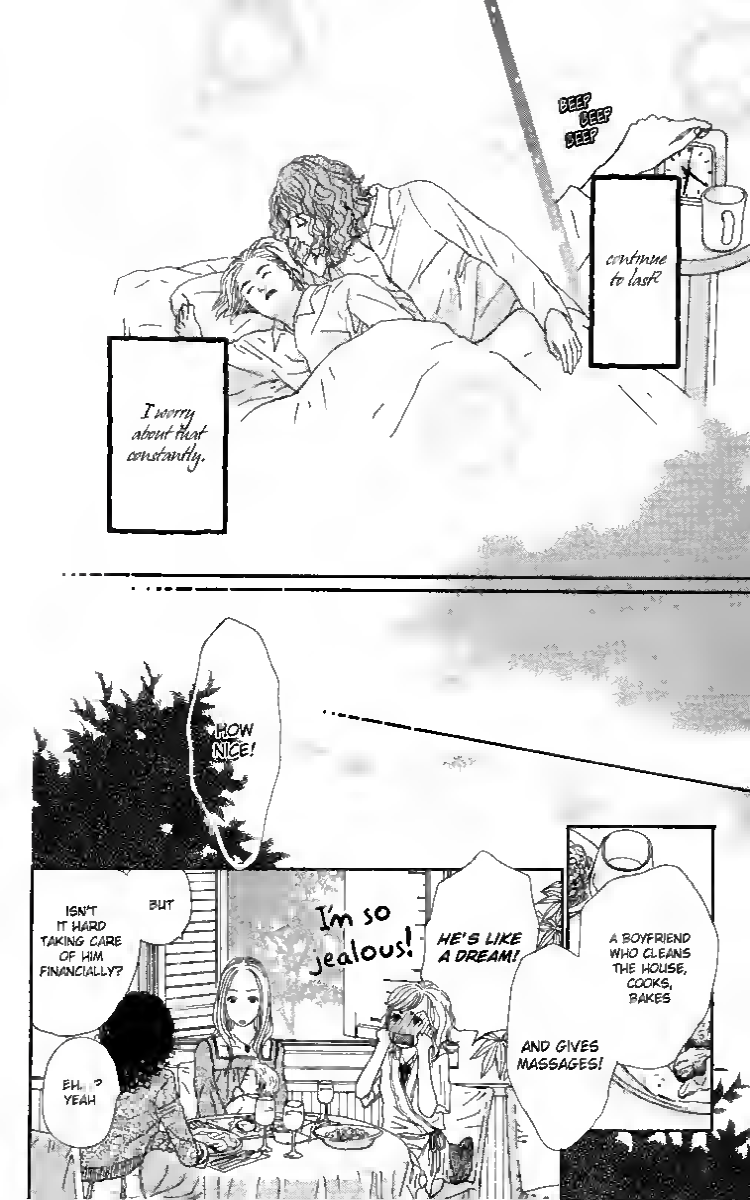
CREEK
CLACK
I'm getting forehead wrinkles from it.
STOOM
STAGGER
If
OH
WELCOME HOME
I'M HOME
IT SMELLS GOOD
my boyfriend wasn't around
WHAT'S FOR DESSERT?
I MADE POT-AU-FEU AND SALAD TODAY
IF YOU LIKE
WOW
the wrinkles would be chiseled into my forehead


Can I crash here?
I have no place to live
I was sharing the place with a friend and I can't go back home to the countryside
You like chocolate, right?
TODAY'S DESSERT IS CHOCOLATE MOUSSE
He's been living here and commuting to his culinary arts college
for three months
I have mixed feelings about living together like this.
Mmm
DELICIOUS ...
The taste fills my mouth
I met him at a video store.
REALLY? I'M GLAD.
Ah my shoulder
WOW YOU'RE STIFF TODAY
It's mostly good feelings though.
RESET
Start

OH, KEIKO-SAN, THE UTILITIES BILL CAME IN.
UGHH. I FORGOT TO SETUP THE AUTOMATIC PAYMENT AGAIN.
CAN'T HELP IT NOW... WHAT A PAIN. I'M GOING TO THE STORE...
I'LL GO TOO WE'RE OUT OF SEASONING AND BEER.
HUH? I HAVE EXTRA SPENDING MONEY THIS MONTH.
YEAH WE'RE MAKING ENDS MEET.
I SHOULD BUY YOU CLOTHES WITH THE LEFTOVER MONEY.
BUT I'M NOT USED TO THAT KIND OF THING.
WHATEVER THEN
5,000 yen please

IT'S COLD OUT SO COVER UP.
TOMORROW'S LUNCH IS IN THE FRIDGE AND BREAKFAST IS IN THE FREEZER. HEAT IT UP IN THE MICROWAVE.
WELL, I'M OFF TO WORK.
All errands, chores and workout tonight.
Okay
Without him I wouldn't be able to keep up the fight tomorrow.
Wow. The futon is soft.
He washed and folded the laundry.
And the bath is ready for me.
How long will this good feeling
Such bliss


Ah, I'll wash the dishes.
It's okay I've got it You leave the house stuff to me
He's the only guy around me
That I don't see as a rival.
It's the first time I've dated a guy and not thought that.


BEEP BEEP BEEP
continue to last?
I worry about that constantly.
HOW NICE!
I'm so jealous!
HE'S LIKE A DREAM!
A BOYFRIEND WHO CLEANS THE HOUSE, COOKS, BAKES
AND GIVES MASSAGES!
BUT
ISN'T IT HARD TAKING CARE OF HIM FINANCIALLY?
EH...? YEAH

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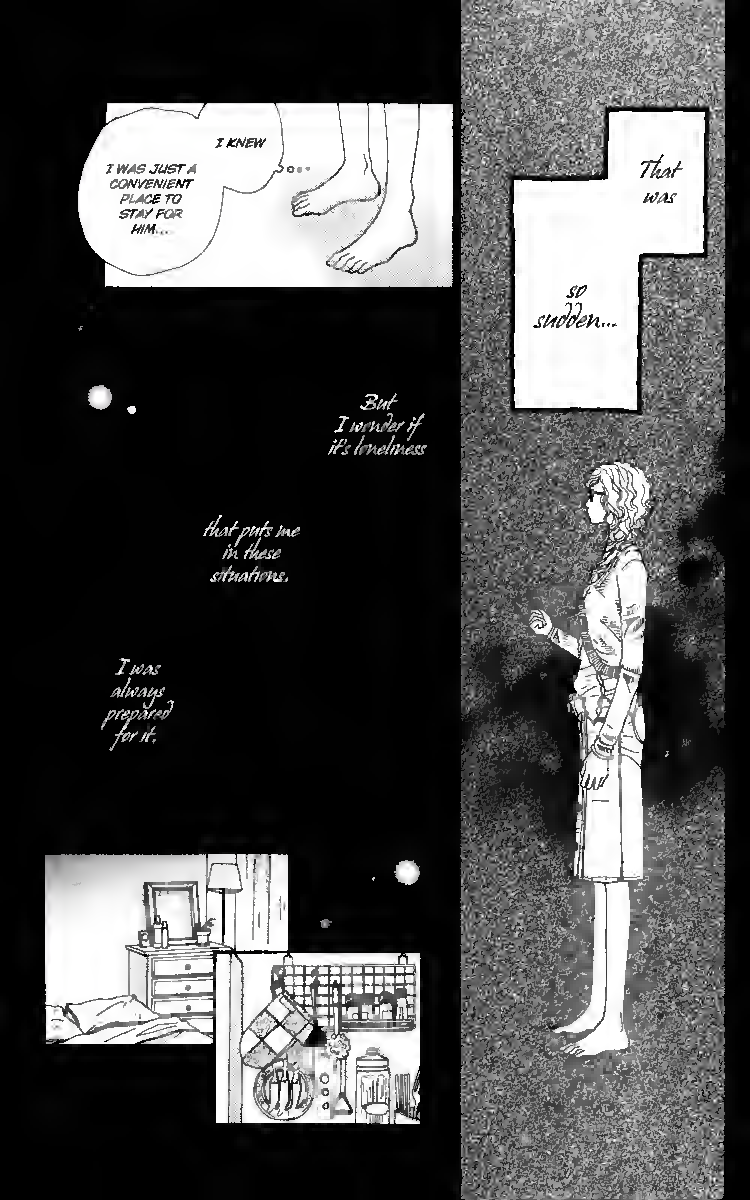
We ate lunch and had snacks at the Kinugawa Onsen station
Soba
So good!
Chestnut rice and red bean bun
Tochimo-tome strawberry ice cream.
I want a balloon.
Buy me a beaded necklace
In the gift shop
You don't need that stuff.
It's like that everywhere we go!
My daughter was revived.
In the end we walked home with the balloon
Why me?!
After that we rode the train home to Chiba
EXHAUSTED
Are we there yet?
We didn't get to sit down.
She's had enough.
We were so tired.
and children
I'm done with trains and busses.
I fully enjoyed the snow and the hotel. We accomplished our goal.
END
But I don't want him to leave.
EH?
Don't say it!
I GET IT!!
AND THE SE...
I wonder if she's not feeling well.
I haven't gone out to eat much with him cooking for me.
BUT HE DOES EVERYTHING AROUND THE HOUSE.
MONEY IS TIGHT
Not again.
I HAVE STUDENT LOANS MYSELF.
AM I WRONG? I'M NOT, RIGHT?
I NEED HELP IF I'M GOING TO WORK HARD FOR MY DREAMS.

BECAUSE SCHOOL IS DONE IN THREE MONTHS
I'M WORRIED ABOUT FINDING A JOB IN JAPAN
I'VE DECIDED TO STUDY ABROAD.
SO I'LL BE LEAVING HERE.
WHY NOW?
Surely there is no other.
He makes being around men easier for me.
I'VE THOUGHT LONG AND HARD ABOUT IT.
I WANT TO STUDY BAKING IN FRANCE
IF I GO I WON'T BE BACK FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS
I DON'T THINK I COULD EVER REPAY YOU FOR YOUR HELP.
Wait a min-...
Wai-

BUT THIS LIFESTYLE CAN'T CONTINUE FOREVER.
YOU KNEW THAT TOO, DIDN'T YOU?
IT TROUBLES ME AT HOW SUDDEN THIS IS.
REPAY ME...? YOU'VE ALREADY DONE SO MUCH AROUND THE HOUSE
I LEAVE IN TWO WEEKS, SO I'M GOING BACK HOME ONE LAST TIME
I'LL LEAVE TONIGHT
.....
His dreams
for my dreams.
AH... I UNDERSTAND
WE CAN EMAIL EACH OTHER. IT'S OKAY
I'VE WAITED TWO YEARS FOR THIS CHANCE!
When did you pack your bags...?
TO-TONIGHT?!
YOU DON'T NEED TO LEAVE THAT QUICK.
I DON'T WANT TO DRAG OUT MY LEAVING.

...I DON'T WANT TO WAIT.
I'LL GIVE THIS BACK.
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING
It's
SHUT
...over?


I KNEW...
I WAS JUST A CONVENIENT PLACE TO STAY FOR HIM...
That was so sudden...
But I wonder if it's loneliness
that puts me in these situations.
I was always prepared for it.

Breaking up is always on my mind when I'm dating someone.

It's like I'm preparing myself for the hurt when we break up.

Welcome
Why me?
OH, HIROSE-SAN, NO MORE BOXED LUNCHES?
GEH!
WHAT HAPPENED? I MEAN WE DON'T MIND EATING TOGETHER.
NO, I'D LIKE TO EAT ALONE!
I wonder if she gave up on buying a condo.
Whisper
Whisper
But when would someone do...
I CAN'T EAT NOW.

I'm always fighting

AKIHABARA
ANOTHER!
THUD
HIROSE, YOU'RE DRINKING TOO MUCH.
EAT SOME FOOD.
I DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU.

I'M SORRY I STOLE YOUR WORK, BUT I WON IT WITH MY PRESENTATION.
OK, GOT IT.
YOU JUST WAIT AND SEE! I'LL SNATCH YOUR JOB UP NEXT TIME!
IT WAS OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE.
FURIOUS

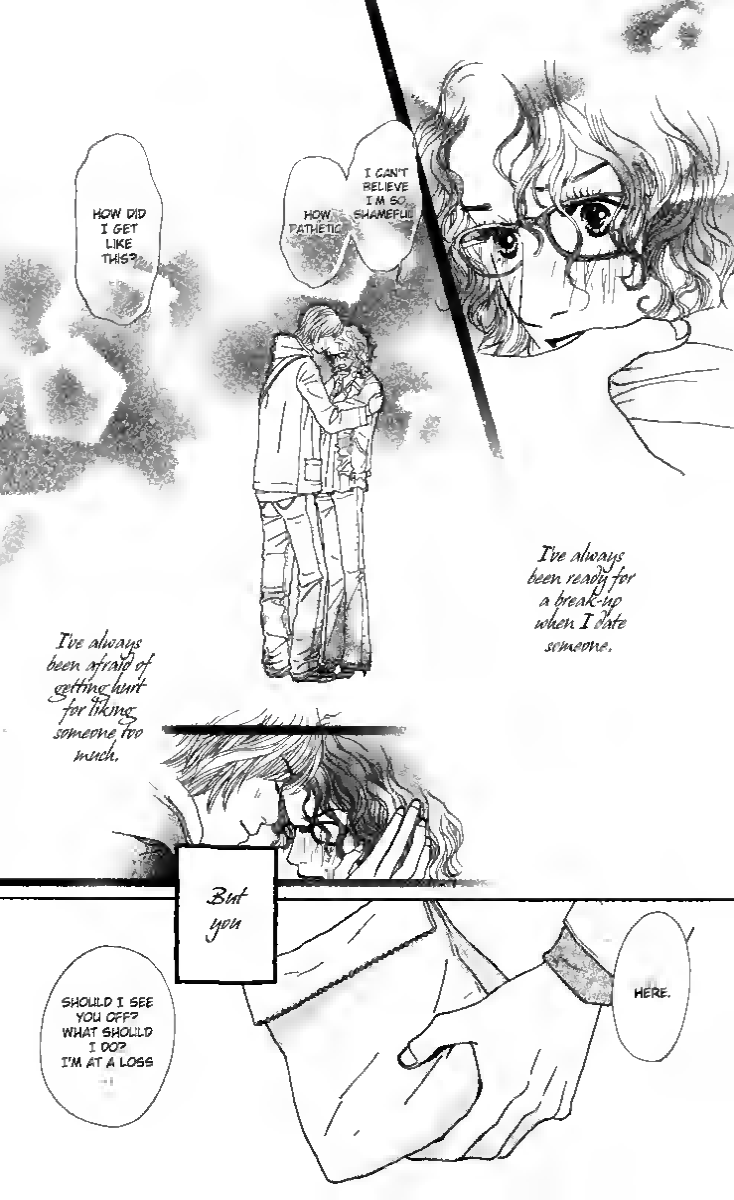
I'm trying to win this fight.

ACTUALLY, EVER SINCE YOU JOINED THE COMPANY
I THOUGHT YOUR STRENGTH WAS CUTE
ATTACK
What?!
ARE YOU TRYING TO SEDUCE ME?
GULP
I'VE EVEN HOPED FOR IT!
NOT THAT I MIND.
WOBBLE
Good work.
See you Monday!
I'M NOT DONE DRINKING!
YOU'RE COMING ALONG, KYOHARA!
EH?!
My treat!
YOU'VE BEEN SO GLOOMY LATELY. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
I COULD CONSOLE YOU.
Don't call me cute!
WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
HE'S SAYING THAT WHEN I'M AT MY WEAKEST POINT.
I DON'T FEEL LIKE POURING MYSELF OUT TO HIM...
I'M SORRY.
SMIRK
NO WAY.
.....
...NO.

EVEN IN BED TOGETHER WE'D STILL FIGHT.
So no way!
KEI-
KEIKO-SAN!

EH?
WHY'D YOU SPOIL ME?
NOTHING I EAT TASTES AS DELICIOUS
I'M STARVING
PASSPORT CONTROL
And how long have you been here?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
AS THE FOOD YOU COOK.
.....
KEIKO-SAN
YOU ONLY LIKE ME BECAUSE OF MY COOKING

I LIKE YOU.
I NEVER INTENDED TO LIKE YOU.
I did say that
Umm
WHEN I SAID I WAS LEAVING YOU USED THE WORD "TROUBLE" NOT "DON'T GO" OR EVEN "I'M SAD"
AFTER ALL, I DID YOUR HOUSE WORK AND GAVE YOU MASSAGES. I WAS YOUR MAID
IT WAS HARD ON ME TOO ...
I DON'T LIKE THE THOUGHT OF ANOTHER WOMAN HAVING YOU
I UNDERSTAND, BUT IF THERE IS ANY WAY FOR YOU TO STAY WITH ME...
I UNDERSTAND SORRY
IT'S OKAY


HOW DID I GET LIKE THIS?
HOW PATHETIC
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SO SHAMEFUL
I've always been ready for a break-up when I date someone.
I've always been afraid of getting hurt for liking someone too much.
But you
HERE.
SHOULD I SEE YOU OFF? WHAT SHOULD I DO? I'M AT A LOSS

For the first time, I don't have an opponent to fight.
I never realized how defenseless you truly are against love.
CHOCOLATE
I'LL BRING BACK MORE
SO DON'T EAT THEM ALL AT ONCE
Bring back some goodies from France!
WILL THEY LAST FOR TWO YEARS?!

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YOU TWO ARE UP FOR THE CHALLENGE RIGHT?
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AWESOME.
HOORAY!
THEN, LET'S JOIN FORCES AND RULE THE WORLD!!
AHHH!!!
LET'S GO BEFORE SHE SEES US
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